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## AREAS OF COMPETENCY

Ethics, Ancient Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Aquinas's Ethics, Seven Deadly Sins

## EDUCATION

2000 Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame; Dr. W. David Solomon, Director.  
1995 M.A. in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame  
1993 B.A. in Philosophy and Communication Arts & Sciences, Calvin College

## BOOKS, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND ARTICLES

*The Little Logic Book*, Lee Hardy, Del Ratzsch, Rebecca K. DeYoung, Gregory Mellema (Calvin Press, 2013), "Ethics of Reasoning" chapter.

"Resistance to the Demands of Love" in *Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics*, vol. 49 (2013). <http://www.baylor.edu/christianethics/index.php?id=99872>

"Holy Fear." *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 86:1 (Winter 2012).

"Courage" in *Being Good: Christian Virtues for Everyday Life*, Eds. Mike Austin and Doug Geivett. (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2012).

"Aquinas on the Vice of Sloth: Three Interpretive Issues," *Thomist* 75:1 (January 2011).

"Pedagogical Rhythms: Practices and Reflections on Practices" in *Teaching, Learning, and Christian Practices*, eds. David Smith and James K.A. Smith (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2011).

*Aquinas's Ethics: Metaphysical Foundations, Moral Theory, and Theological Context*. Co-authors: Colleen McCluskey. University of Notre Dame Press, 2009.

*Glittering Vices: A New Look at the Seven Deadly Sins*. Brazos Press, 2009.

*Overcoming Sin*, in the *Disciples, Year 2* series. Grand Rapids, MI: Faith Alive Christian

Resources, 2008.

“The Vice of Sloth: Some Historical Reflections on Laziness, Effort, and Resistance to the Demands of Love.” *The Other Journal* 10 (Fall 2007). Revised version forthcoming in *Virtues and Their Vices*, eds. Craig Boyd and Kevin Timpe, Oxford UP, 2012.

*The Seven Deadly Sins: A Survival Guide*. Grand Rapids, MI: Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2007.

“The Seven Deadly Sins.” Entry for *Encyclopedia of Christianity*, ed. Erwin Fahlbusch et al. (Brill-Eerdmans, 2005).

“Resistance to the Demands of Love.” *Spark* 51:1 (2005).

“Power Made Perfect in Weakness.” *Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics* 14 (Winter 2005).

“Resistance to the Demands of Love: Aquinas on *Acedia*” *Thomist* 68:2 (April 2004).

“Aquinas’s Virtues of Acknowledged Dependence: A New Measure of Greatness.” *Faith and Philosophy* 21:2 (2004).

“Courage, Weakness, and September 11” [editor’s title] *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought* 17:6 (2002).

“From a Logical Point of View”: Response to James Rachels *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 5:1 (2002).

“Power Made Perfect in Weakness: Aquinas’s Transformation of the Virtue of Courage.” *Medieval Philosophy and Theology* 11:2 (2003).

## FORTHCOMING BOOKS AND CHAPTERS

“The Vice of Vainglory,” Calvin College Stob Lectures (Nov 2010), monograph to be published by Eerdmans in 2014 (Grand Rapids, MI).

Republication of *Overcoming Sin* by the Catholic Truth Society, London, UK, pending agreement from Faith Alive Christian Resources.

Entry on “virtue” in *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Daniel J. Treier and Walter A. Elwell, eds. (Baker Academic, forthcoming).

Chapter on vainglory, *Aquinas’s De Malo: A Critical Guide* (Cambridge).

“Aquinas on Gluttony.” Chapter in *Aquinas and the Virtues: Temperance*, ed. R. E. Houser.

Forthcoming from Catholic University of America Press, 2011.

“The Roots of Despair.” Chapter in *Aquinas and the Virtues: Hope*, ed. R. E. Houser. Forthcoming from Catholic University of America Press.

## REVIEWS

Review of Craig Steven Titus, ed. *The Psychology of Character and Virtue* (Catholic University of America Press, 2009), in *Faith and Philosophy*, 29:3 (July 2012): 366-8.

Review of *The Virtues of our Vices*, Emrys Westacott (Princeton University Press, 2012) in *First Things* 227 (November 2012): 57-8.

Review of N. T. Wright, *After You Believe: Why Christian Character Matters* (Harper One, 2010), in *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*. June/July 2011.

Review of Michael Sherwin, O.P., *By Knowledge and By Love: Charity and Knowledge in the Moral Theology of St. Thomas Aquinas* (Catholic University of America Press, 2006). *Speculum* 82:3 (July 2007).

Review of Thomas Osborne, *Love of God and Love of Self in 13<sup>th</sup> Century Ethics* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2005). *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 45:2, pp. 329-330.

Review of Nicholas Healy, *Thomas Aquinas: Theologian of the Christian Life* (Ashgate 2003). *Scottish Journal of Theology* 58:2.

Review of Edwin Hui, *At the Beginning of Life: Dilemmas in Theological Bioethics* (IVP, 2000). *Calvin Theological Journal* 38:2 (2003).

Review of Robert Pasnau, *Thomas Aquinas on Human Nature* (Cambridge 2002). *Theology Today* 59:4 (2003).

## ACADEMIC GRANTS & AWARDS

The Character Project Book and Essay Prize for “Courage,” in *Being Good: Christian Virtues for Everyday Life* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2012). The Character Project (Wake Forest University) is funded by a grant from the John Templeton Foundation. <http://www.thecharacterproject.com/prizes.php>

C. S. Lewis Book Prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> place for *Glittering Vices*. Sponsored by the University of St Thomas Philosophy of Religion Project, funded by the John Templeton Foundation, for the “best recent book in philosophy of religion or philosophical theology written for a general audience,” June 2012. <http://www.stthomas.edu/philosophy/templeton/awards.html>

Louisville Institute Sabbatical Researchers Grant: research funding to write a book on the vice of

sloth for 2012-13 sabbatical.

Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship Grant: travel funding for 2012-13 sabbatical.

Calvin Research Fellowship, spring 2010.

Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship Grant: release time to write a scholarly book or articles on the seven deadly sins and convene a workshop on the vices tradition with the Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame (2006-8).

National Endowment for the Humanities 5-week summer seminar: "The Seven Deadly Sins as Cultural Constructions in the Middle Ages," Cambridge, UK, July-August 2006.

Calvin Alumni Association Grant, to complete work on *Seven Deadly Sins: A Survival Guide*, 2005.

Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship Grant, to work on a co-authored book, *Aquinas's Ethics: Metaphysical Foundations, Moral Theory, and Theological Context*, with Christina VanDyke (Calvin College) and Colleen McCluskey (St. Louis University). 2003-5.

Lilly Faculty Scholars Research Grant (Lilly Vocation Project), Calvin College: "The Practice and Pedagogy of Virtue as Spiritual Formation in Aquinas." 2002.

Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities Initiative Grant to fund a conference at St. Louis University in April 2003, two summer workshops, and collaborative research: "Aquinas's Ethics: Metaphysical Foundations and Theological Context" with Drs. Christina VanDyke (Calvin College), Colleen McCluskey (St. Louis University) and Eleonore Stump (St. Louis University). 2000-3.

Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 1997

Mark of "Excellent": Oral Competency Exam, Notre Dame, 1996:

Area: *History of Ethics: The Virtue Tradition*, Director: Dr. David O'Connor

Mark of "Excellent": History of Philosophy Comprehensive Exam, Notre Dame, 1995

Mark of "Excellent": Third Semester Paper, Notre Dame, 1994

"Socrates as Intellectual Midwife in Plato's *Theaetetus*"

Kay Tiemersma Award, Calvin College, 1993

For a senior woman athlete who excels in character, scholarship, and athletics.

O. K. Bouwsma Memorial Award, Department of Philosophy, Calvin College, 1992-3.

For a senior with outstanding scholarship and plans to pursue philosophy at the graduate school level.

NCAA Academic All-American (Cross Country, Track and Field), 1991-3.

National Merit Scholar, 1989-1993.

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

“When Image is Everything: The Vice of Vainglory,” Woolsey Lecture, Houghton College, Houghton, NY, November 18, 2013.

“Downfall,” “Glittering Vices,” “Vainglory,” and “Envy,” presentations for the C. S. Lewis Institute and the Society for Faith and Law, Washington D.C., November 7-9, 2013.

Graduate student workshop on the vice of sloth (sabbatical book project; Calvin College Summer Seminar follow-up), Baylor University philosophy department, with Robert Kruschwitz, January 17-22, 2013.

“When Image is Everything: on the Vice of Vainglory,” inaugural lecture of the Aquinas Society, Baylor University, TX, January 18, 2013.

“The Seven Deadly Sins” and “The Vice of Vainglory,” presentations at Grand Valley State University Department of Philosophy, November 9, 2012.

“The Vice of Sloth and the Spiritual Discipline of *Stabilitas*,” invited paper presentation, Society of Christian Psychology, Regent University, VA, October 18-20.

“Practicing Hope.” Plenary address, conference on the theological virtue of hope, Viterbo University, WI, March 2012.

“Groundhog Day as Thomistic Therapy: Aquinas on the Vice of Sloth.” Invited lecture, Department of Humanities, Brenau University, Gainesville, GA, October 2011.

“When Image is Everything: The Vice of Vainglory,” invited lecture, Institute for Spiritual Formation, Biola University, October 2011.

“Organic Metaphors for Sin: John 15 and the Tree of Vices,” chapel presentation to the Rosemead School of Psychology, Biola University, October 2011.

“The Seven Deadly Sins and Spiritual Formation,” presentation to the Philosophy Department, Biola University, October 2011.

“Preaching and Teaching the Vices,” workshop at Trinity Christian College, March 2011.

“The Seven Capital Vices and Spiritual Formation,” Wheaton College, February 2011.

2-day workshop on the seven deadly sins for the Christian Formation in Ministry Department, Wheaton College, February 2011.

“Desert Monks and Medieval Trees: Sources and Developments in the Seven Deadly Sins Tradition,” Pieter Bruegel Lecture Series, Calvin College, November 2010.

“The Vice of Vainglory,” Stob Lectures, Calvin College, November 2010.

Summer Research Seminar co-leader, with Robert Kruschwitz, “Capital Vices and the Christian Tradition,” Calvin Seminars for Christian Scholarship, Calvin College, June-July 2010.

“The Seven Capital Vices and Spiritual Formation,” Calvin Summer Seminars program evening lecture, Calvin College, June 23, 2010.

7 one-hour interviews on *Glittering Vices*, “Open House” radio talk show, Australia, May 2010. <http://www.hope1032.com.au/News-Detail.asp?cid=5&navid=5&NewsID=2051>

“From Spin to Silence: Aquinas and Cassian on the Vice of Vainglory,” 45<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2010.

“Prudence Directs: Prudence and The Vice of Despair,” conference paper, Viterbo University, conference on the cardinal virtue of prudence, LaCrosse, WI, April 2010.

“Teaching the Vices,” address to the Honors College, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA, March 2010.

“The Seven Capital Vices and Spiritual Formation,” Calvin Symposium of Christian Worship, Jan 2010.

Plenary address, Conference on “Teaching, Learning, and Christian Practices,” Kuyers Institute for Christian Teaching and Learning, Calvin College, October 2009.

Fall Faculty Conference address, “Teaching the Vices,” Azusa Pacific University, September 2009.

Paper presentation, “The Roots of Despair.” Session chair, “Aquinas and the Virtue of Hope, part II.” 44<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI. May 2009.

“Death By Chocolate? Aquinas on the Vice of Gluttony.” Calvin College Philosophy Department lecture, February 2009.

Paper presentation, “Love Bears All Things: Aquinas on the Virtue of Courage and the Gift of Fear.” 43<sup>rd</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI. May 2008.

Guest lecture, “Sloth: Resistance to the Demands of Love.” Hope College. October 2007.

“Harry Potter and the Virtue of Courage.” Presentation for the Center of Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame. September 2007.

Summer Workshop convener, “The Vices Tradition.” University of Notre Dame; sponsored by the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship. Paper presentations: “How Was Lunch?: Aquinas on Gluttony,” “Envy Then and Now: A Critique of Gabriele Taylor,” and “Aquinas on Sloth: Three Interpretive Issues.” August 2007.

Paper Presentation, “Aquinas on Sloth: Three Interpretive Issues.” Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Cornell University. June 2007.

Paper presentation, “Secular Analogues of Spiritual Sloth.” 42<sup>nd</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo MI. May 2007.

Invited lecture, “*Groundhog Day* as Thomistic Therapy: Aquinas on the Vice of Sloth,” Wheaton College. March 2007.

Invited lecture, “The Vice of Sloth,” Valparaiso University. March 2006.

Invited paper, “Holy Fear,” Boston College. February 2006.

Invited lecture, “Feeling Bitter When Others Have it Better: Aquinas on the Vice of Envy,” Hope College. October 2004.

Response to “A ‘Monkish Virtue’ Outside the Monastery: On the Social and Civic Value of Humility” by Mary M. Keys, Martin Marty Center Religion and Culture Web Forum, University of Chicago. June 2004.

Paper presentation, “Capital Vices or Deadly Sins?” Cornell Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Cornell University. May 2004.

Invited lecture, “Resistance to the Demands of Love: Thomas Aquinas on the Vice of Sloth,” Hope College. February 2004.

Invited lecture, “Couch Potato or Contempt for God? Aquinas on the Sin of Sloth,” St. Mary’s College, Indiana. October 2003.

Paper presentation, “*Acedia* and the Burdens of Commitment,” Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture. October 2003.

Paper presentation, “*Acedia* and the Burdens of Commitment: Aquinas on the Sin of Sloth,” Midwestern Conference on Medieval Philosophy, Creighton University. September 2003.

Session chair, Conference on “Creation, Covenant, and Participation: Radical Orthodoxy and the

Reformed Tradition,” Calvin College. September 2003.

Conference co-convener and session chair, “Aquinas’s Ethics: Metaphysical Foundations, Moral Theory, and Theological Context,” St. Louis University. Funded by a Council of Christian Colleges and Universities Initiative Grant and St. Louis University. April 2003.

Invited lecture, “The Vice of *Acedia* and the Virtues of Acknowledged Dependence.” Center for Christian Ethics conference “In the Image of God: Trinity, Community, and Self,” Baylor University. March 2003.

Paper presentation, “Virtue and Vocation: The Pedagogy and Practice of Virtue in Thomas Aquinas,” Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Conference on “A Culture of Life.” Lilly Faculty Scholars Grant. September 2002.

Paper presentation, “Purple Heart or Flaming Pyre? Aquinas’s Transformation of the Virtue of Courage in the *Summa theologiae*,” Cornell Colloquium on Medieval Philosophy. May 2002.

Paper presentation, “Aquinas’s Virtues of Acknowledged Dependence: A New Measure of Greatness,” Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture. November 2001.

Paper presentation, “Power Made Perfect in Weakness: Reflections on Vulnerability and the Virtue of Courage in Aquinas’s *Summa theologiae* and John Paul II’s *Evangelium Vitae*.” Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture. October 2000.

Response to Scott MacDonald’s “Negligence and Inattention in Practical Reasoning.” Wheaton College conference on “The Contemporary Relevance of Medieval Philosophy.” October 1999.

Paper presentation, “Aquinas on *affabilitas*: On the Possibility and Necessity of Civic Friendship,” Baylor University Institute for Faith and Learning conference on “Cultivating Citizens: Soulcraft & Citizenship in Contemporary America.” October 1999.

## OTHER PRESENTATIONS & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

“You Shall Not Murder,” chapel talk, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, October 21, 2013.

<http://new.livestream.com/calvin-college/events/2445166>

Article reviews, *The Thomist*, 2012.

Interview re: *Glittering Vices* on *Inner Compass*, season 13, Calvin College, September 2012.

<http://vimeo.com/51068535#at=0>

Interview re: *Glittering Vices*, with Rev. Bill Campbell at *The Vital Connection*

October 8, 2012. <http://thevitalconnection.org/audio/GlitteringVices-10-8-12.mp3>

“The Seven Deadly Sins and Spiritual Formation,” “The Vice of Vainglory: When Image is



Everything.” L’Abri Fellowship, Huemoz, Switzerland, Jan. 2012.

“The Seven Deadly Sins and Spiritual Formation,” “The Vice of Vainglory: When Image is Everything,” (talks) and a radio interview on *Glittering Vices*. The American Church in Paris, Jan. 2012.

“Introducing the Seven Capital Vices,” Adult education talks: First CRC (Muskegon, MI); Grace Brethren (Los Angeles, CA) and Fifth Reformed (Grand Rapids, MI), Feb-March 2010; Neland Ave. CRC (Grand Rapids, MI), Jan 2011; Woodlawn CRC (Grand Rapids, MI) May 2013; Introducing the Seven Capital Vices” and “The Vice of Vainglory” at Ivanrest CRC (Grandville, MI), Dec. 2011 and LaGrave CRC (Grand Rapids MI), Nov. 2012. Woodlawn CRC (Grand Rapids, MI), May 2013.

“A Gendered View of Courage” and “Habituation: Law and Virtue” class lectures, Brenau University, Gainesville, GA, October 2011.

Article Review, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, fall 2010.

Model class, “The Vice of Vainglory,” Calvin College Passport program, August 2010.

Chapel talks: “Always Conforming,” Calvin College, Nov. 17, 2009; “The Disciplined Disciple,” Calvin College, Feb 19. 2010.

Interview re: *Glittering Vices*, Amplify with Fr. Ron Lengwin (KDKA), aired August 2, 2009.

Interview re: *Glittering Vices*, *Christianity Today*, Sept 2009.

Interview re: *Glittering Vices*, Prime Time America, aired July 8-9, 2009.

“Introducing the Seven Capital Vices.” Adult education talks: Central Reformed Church (Grand Rapids, MI), and Ferrysburg Community Church (Spring Lake, MI), February 2009.

Instructor, Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning 8-week class on the seven deadly sins, Calvin College. March-April 2007.

“Shattered Glass and the Vice of Vainglory.” Developing a Christian Mind post-film discussion leader, Calvin College. January 2007.

Chapel talk, “God’s Surprising Command: Do Not Be Afraid.” Unity Christian High School, Hudsonville, MI. January 2007.

“10 Things I Wish I Knew...” Student Life Sexuality Series Lecture. Calvin College. November 2005, 2006.

“Vices and Virtues: Pedagogy and Practice” Fall Faculty Conference, Calvin College.

September 2006.

Presentation to Student Life Division, "Love of Self and the Vice of Sloth," Calvin College. April 2006.

"When Less is More: The Spiritual Discipline of Fasting," Grey Matter Series, Calvin College. March 2006.

Invited panelist, "Called to Teach; Teaching as Calling," Fall Faculty Conference, Calvin College. September 2005.

Invited talk, "The Seven Capital Vices: A Historical Introduction." Church of the Servant, Grand Rapids, MI. March 2004.

Colloquium paper, "Resistance to the Demands of Love," Aquinas reading and working group, University of Notre Dame. February 2004.

Article reviews, *Medieval Philosophy and Theology* and the *Journal of Christian Education and Belief*. Spring 2004.

Invited speaker, "Test your Virtue IQ," Transitions Orientation Program, Calvin College. January 2003.

Visiting lecturer, "Report to Synod on Beginning of Life Issues: Questions or Answers?" Interim class on Biotechnology and Ethics (Dr. David Koetje), Calvin College. January 2003.

"Seven Deadly Sins: A Course in Practical Instruction." Student project presentations in the Calvin College Residence Halls, November 2002; "Virtue and Vocation" Church education/Service-learning presentations at Ridgewood CRC, May 2004. Funded by Lilly Faculty Scholars grant.

Chapel talk, "Called to Greatness: the Virtue of Magnanimity," Calvin College. February 2002.

Chapel talk, "Vulnerability and the Virtue of Courage," Calvin College. September 2001.

Adult education class leader, youth group sexuality retreat leader & curriculum writer, high school church education seven capital vices curriculum writer & teacher, St. Joseph Christian Reformed Church, Georgetown Christian Reformed Church, and Ridgewood Christian Reformed Church. 1994-present.

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Professor of Philosophy, Calvin College, 2010-present

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Calvin College, 2005-2009

Instructor, Calvin Theological Seminary, fall quarter 2008  
The Seven Capital Vices in Contemporary Culture and the Christian Tradition

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Calvin College, 1998-2005  
Senior Seminar: The Seven Capital Vices (fall 2006)  
Aquinas Seminar  
Advanced Ethical Theory  
Plato & Aristotle Seminar  
History of Ancient & Medieval Philosophy  
Fundamental Questions in Philosophy

Teaching Assistant for Dr. Nicholas Wolterstorff's philosophy seminar, summer 1996  
Pew Younger Scholars Program, University of Notre Dame

Research Assistant for Dr. Paul Weithman, Department of Philosophy,  
University of Notre Dame, 1995-6. Bibliographical and copy-editing work on *Religion  
and Contemporary Liberalism* (University of Notre Dame Press, 1997).

Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 1994-7  
Philosophy and Fantasy (K. Sayre), Introduction to Philosophy (T. V. Morris, M. Loux ),  
Morality and Modernity (W. D. Solomon), Medical Ethics (W. D. Solomon)

Church adult and youth education instructor, 1994-present.

### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2010-2012 Philosophy Department Strategic Plan Committee Chair  
2007-2010 Philosophy Department Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee  
2006-2009 Society of Christian Philosophers Executive Committee  
2005-2007 Philosophy Department Planning and Priorities Committee; Philosophy  
Department ombudsperson, Calvin College  
2004-present American Association of University Women liaison, Calvin College  
1998-2005 Philosophy Department Library and Scholarship Committee, Calvin College  
2005-2006 Student Discipline Committee, Calvin College  
2001-2005 Institutional Review Board, Calvin College  
2000-2001 Appellate Board of Student Discipline Committee, Calvin College  
1999-2003 Faculty Mentor for Symposium, the student-led philosophy club, Calvin College  
1999-2003 Study Committee, Synod of the Christian Reformed Church: Beginning of Life  
Issues

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Christian Philosophers  
American Philosophical Association

## REFERENCES

Dr. Del Ratzsch, Chair, Department of Philosophy, Calvin College

Dr. Scott MacDonald, Norma K. Regan Professor of Christian Studies, Cornell University

Dr. W. David Solomon, Department of Philosophy and Director, Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame

Dr. C. Stephen Evans, University Professor of Philosophy and Humanities

Dr. Robert Kruschwitz, Center for Christian Ethics, Baylor University

Dr. R. E. Houser, Center for Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas, Houston

Dr. W. Jay Wood, Wheaton College