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Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, Purdue University, 1997

M.A. Philosophical Theology, Yale University (Magna Cum Laude), 1991

B.A. Philosophy and Social Work, University of Maryland Baltimore County (Magna Cum Laude), 1988

Publications

Books

- *Rethinking Human Nature: A Christian Materialist Alternative to the Soul* (Baker Academic, 2006)
- *Church in the Present Tense: A Candid Look at What's Emerging*. Co-authored with: Scot McKnight, Peter Rollins and Jason Clark (Brazos, 2011)
- *Minds, Brains and Persons: An Introduction to Key Issues in Consciousness Studies (In Process)*

Edited Books

- *Common Sense Metaphysics: Themes from the Philosophy of Lynne Rudder Baker* (with Luis Oliveira; Routledge, forthcoming 2020)

Authors include: Christopher Hill, Joseph Levine, John Perry, Janet Levin, Angela Mendelovici, Carolyn Dicey, Peter van Inwagen, Derk Pereboom, Kathrin Koslicki, Marya Schetchman, Louise Antony, Thomas Senior, Mario De Caro, Sam Cowling, Einar Bonn, Paul Manata, and Kevin Corcoran

- *Soul, Body and Survival: Essays on the Metaphysics of Persons*, (Cornell University Press, 2001)

Authors include: John Foster, Eric Olson, Jaegwon Kim, Timothy O'Connor, Charles Taliaferro, Stewart Goetz, William Hasker, Brian Leftow, E.J. Lowe, Lynne Baker, Trenton Merricks, John Cooper, Stephen T. Davis and Kevin Corcoran.

Refereed Articles in Journals

14. "Persons, Bodies and Brains, Oh My!," Special Issue of *Philosophy, Theology and the Sciences* (forthcoming, 2020).
13. "A Materialist View of Human Persons and Belief in an After Life," *Modern Believing* 57:2 (2016).
12. "I'm No Soul, Man," *Religious Studies* 42 (2006) 431-437.
11. "Material Persons, Immaterial Souls and an Ethic of Life," *Faith and Philosophy* 20 (2003) 218-228.
10. "Dualism, Materialism and the Problem of Post Mortem Survival", *Philosophia Christi* 4 (2002) 395-409. Reprinted in *Arguing about Religion* (Routledge, 2009).
9. "In Our Own Defense: A Response to Our Critics", with Kelly James Clark *Rhetoric and Public Affairs* 4 (2001) 711-716
8. "The Trouble with Searle's Biological Naturalism," *Erkenntnis* 55:3 (2001) 307-324
- 7 "Physical Persons and Resurrection without Temporal Gaps," in *Soul, Body and Survival: Essays on the Metaphysics of Persons*, Kevin Corcoran, ed; (Cornell University Press, 2001)
6. "Soul or Body?," introduction to *Soul, Body and Survival: Essays on the Metaphysics of Persons*, Kevin Corcoran, ed; (Cornell University Press, 2001)
5. "Pluralism, Secularism and Tolerance" (with Kelly James Clark), *Rhetoric and Public Affairs* 4 (2000) 627-639.
4. "Experiencing God" *Sophia* 38 (1999) 116-143
3. "Persons, Bodies and the Constitution Relation," *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 37 (1999) 1- 20
2. "Persons and Bodies," *Faith and Philosophy* 15 (1998) 324-340.
1. "Is Theistic Experience Phenomenologically Possible?," *Religious Studies* 32 (1996) 449-461

Chapters in Books

9. "Unkind Persons: A Critique of Lynne Baker's Constitution View of Human Persons," forthcoming in *Common Sense Metaphysics: Themes from the Philosophy of Lynne Rudder Baker*, ed. Luis Oliveira and Kevin Corcoran (Routledge, 2020).
8. "Why Should A Christian Embrace Materialism About Human Persons," *Blackwell Companion to Substance Dualism*, ed. J.P. Moreland (2018, Blackwell).
7. "Neuroscience and The Human Persons," in *Neuroscience and the Soul: The Human Person in Philosophy, Science and Theology*, eds. Thomas M. Crisp, Steve L. Porter, and Gregg A. Ten Elshof (2016, William B Eerdmans Publishing Co.)
6. "Saving Materialism from a Souler Eclipse," in *Neuroscience and the Soul: The Human Person in Philosophy, Science, and Theology*, eds. Thomas M. Crisp, Steve L. Porter, and Gregg A. Ten Elshof (2016, William B Eerdmans Publishing Co).

5. "Human Persons are Material Only," in *Debating Christian Theism*, Eds. J.P. Moreland, Khaldoun A Sweis and Chad V. Meister (Oxford University Press, 2013).
4. "Constitution, Relationality and Resurrection," in *How Do We Survive our Death?* ed. Georg Gasser (Ashgate Press, Munich, 2010).
3. "Dualism, Materialism and the problem of Postmortem Survival," in *Arguing About Religion* (Routledge, 2009; ed. Kevin Timpe)
2. "A Constitution View of Persons," in *In Search of the Soul: Four Views of the Mind-Body Problem*, Joel B. Green and Stuart L. Palmer, eds; (InterVarsity Press) 2005. Other contributors are Stewart Goetz, William Hasker and Nancey Murphy.
1. "Biology or Psychology: Human Persons and Personal Identity" in *About Human Persons* (Ontos Verlag: Frankfurt and London, 2003) 67-88.

Published Articles Responding to My Work

1. "Metaphysics, Ethics and Personhood: A Response to Kevin Corcoran," *Faith and Philosophy* 22 (2005) 370-376, by Gregory Ganssle.
2. "Christian Materialism: A Review Essay of Kevin Corcoran's Rethinking Human Nature," *Philosophia Christi* 9 (2007) 200-210, by Stewart Goetz.
3. "Zygotes, Embryos and Subsistence: A Response to Corcoran," *Philosophia Christi* 14 (2012) 209-219

Book Reviews

A review of William Hasker's *The Emergent Self* (Cornell University Press, 1999) in *Christian Scholars Review* 30:2 (Winter 2000).

A Review of *Defending Life: A Moral and Legal Case Against Abortion* (Cambridge University Press, 2007) by Francis Beckwith in *Philosophia Christi* 12 (2010) 451-457.

Articles for Popular Audiences

- "New Way to Be Human" in Books & Culture (November/December 2006)
- "Dark Thoughts," in Books in Culture (June 2005).

Papers Presented to Professional Societies

- "Primacy of the Mental vs. Primacy of the Physical," Panel Discussion of the forthcoming book *Christian Physicalism: Philosophical Theological Criticisms*. Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting, Providence, Rhode Island, November 2017
- "The Persistence of Persons," 9th Annual International Conference on Philosophy, Athens Greece, May 2014
- "A Critique of Francis Beckwith's *Defending Life*," Evangelical Theological Society annual meeting in San Diego, CA, November 2007.

- “Material Persons, Immaterial Souls and an Ethic of Life”, Pacific Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA, April 2001.
- "Experiencing God," Annual Conference of the Metaphysical Society of America, University of South Carolina, March 1998
- "Persons, Bodies and Bodiless Worlds," Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Calvin College, April 1997 -- Earlier version presented at the Fall Meeting of the Indiana Philosophical Association, Purdue University, October 1996
- "Is Theistic Experience Phenomenologically Possible?," Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Bethel College, April 1995 -- Earlier version presented to the Fall Meeting of the Indiana Philosophical Association, October 1994

Invited Papers and Presentations

- “On the Relation Between The Mental and The Physical,” Purdue University Philosophy Department Colloquium Series, with John Waldrop.
- “A Materialist Science of Consciousness and Theism,” Religion Meets Science Conference, New College University of Edinburgh, June 2019
- “Mind and its Place in the Natural World,” Consciousness Workshop University of Crete May 2019.
- “Your Mind and Yourself,” University of Crete, Greece, April 2019.
- “Resurrection and (Human) Personhood,” University of Athens, Greece, March 2019
- “Your Mind and Yourself,” University of Denver, April 2018
- “Re-Enchanting the University: The All But Forgotten (Christian) Virtue of Delight, Areopagus Lecture Series, Iowa State University, February 2016
- “Consciousness, Persons and Primary Kinds,” Conscious Persons Project, Calvin College April 2015
- “The Persistence of Persons,” 9th Annual International Conference on Philosophy, Athens Greece, 2014
- “Persons, Bodies and Relationality: A Constitution View,” Hope College, November 2009 and Seattle Pacific University, November 2009.
- “Pluralism and Tolerance: Religious, Political and Moral,” Renmin University, March 2009.
- “Dualism, Materialism and the Prospects of Postmortem Survival,” Renmin University, China March 2009
- “Constitution, Resurrection and Relationality,” Plenary Address, University of Innsbruck, Austria; international conference titled "How do we survive our death? The quest for personal identity and resurrection" cosponsored by the philosophy and theology faculty at the University of Innsbruck and the Metanexus Institute, June, 2008
- “Pluralism, Relativism and Tolerance,” Zhejiang University, China, March, 2008

- “Dualism, Materialism and the Prospects of Postmortem Survival,” Zhejiang University, China, March, 2008
- “Love, Loss and Lament: Augustine and Jesus on Friendship,” Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI, November 2007
- “Personal Identity and the Constitution View of Persons: A Critique of Baker”, Oakland University, October 2006.
- “The Constitution View of Human Persons and Relational Ontology,” Point Loma Nazarene College, *After Dualism* Conference, Summer 2005
- “Human Persons and Ethics at the Margins of Life,” Inaugural Evelyn Mast Barker Memorial Lecture, University of Maryland Baltimore County, April 2004.
- “Western Views of Human Nature: Souls, Bodies and Soul-Body Unions. Xiamen University Philosophy Department; Xiamen, China, October 2003.
- “Contemporary Western Views of Human Nature: Emergentism and Constitution,” Xiamen University Philosophy Department; Xiamen, China. October 2003.
- “Human Persons or Human Animals: How are Persons and Bodies Related?”, Christian Perspectives in Science Seminar, Calvin College, October, 2001.
- “Materialism, Dualism and the Problem of Post Mortem Survival,” 48th Annual Wheaton Philosophy Conference, October 25-27 2001
- “Biology or Psychology?” *Workshop: Soul, Body and Freedom* Calvin College, sponsored by Calvin Center for Christian Studies
- “Human Persons and Personal Identity,” Purdue University Philosophy Colloquium, Spring 2001
- “Human Animals and Human Persons” *Humans Conference*; Gordon College Summer, 2000 sponsored by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.
- "Persons, Bodies and Immortality," Monmouth College, January 1999.
- "Persons and Bodies," University of the Pacific, February 1999
- "Varieties of Resurrection of the Body," Hillsdale College, February 1999
- "Physicalism and Belief in the Resurrection," Northwestern College, February 1999
- "Dualism, Materialism and Constitution," Gordon College, April 1998
- "Anselm and the Ontological Argument for the Existence of God--Again," Florida Southern College, February 1997

Referee for the following Academic Journals and Presses

Australasian Journal
Faith and Philosophy
Erkenntnis
Journal of Consciousness Studies
Cornell University Press
Canadian Journal of Philosophy

Academic Honors and Awards

- 2018-19 Fulbright Scholar, University of Crete, Greece
- Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship Grant for Conscious Persons Project Workshop (\$10,000), 2014-2015.
- Lilly Vocation Fellowship; Grant to measure the spiritual-vocational impact of studying philosophy at Calvin (\$7000), 2004-05.
- Freeman Foundation; Grant to develop course on Buddhist conceptions of the self. (\$7000), 2002-03.
- Diekema Fellow, Spring 2003. This is part of a Calvin Research Fellowship that grants release time from teaching in order to carry out research.
- Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship Grant to host Philosophy of Mind Workshop in Spring 2001. (\$18,000)
- Council for Christian Colleges and Universities Initiative Grant to Research Human Nature and Human Freedom, 2000-2003 with Bill Hasker (Huntington College), Michael Murray (Franklin and Marshall College), Timothy O'Connor (Indiana University) and Dean Zimmerman (Rutgers); (\$20,000)
- Visiting Fellow, Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion, 1996-97
- Hooker Graduate Fellowship, 1991 (Yale)
- Paul Holmer Scholarship, 1989-91 (Yale)
- Magna Cum Laude graduate, 1991 (Yale)
- Magna Cum Laude graduate, 1988 (Maryland)
- Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, 1987 (Maryland)
- Distinguished Student Award, philosophy, 1987 (Maryland)

Other Honors and Awards

- 2018-19 Fulbright Scholar, University of Crete, Greece.
- 2016 Honors Convocation Speaker. This honor is bestowed by the 2016 graduating class in the Calvin Honors Program.
- 2004 Honors Convocation Speaker. This honor is bestowed by the 2016 graduating class in the Calvin Honors Program.

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Memberships

American Philosophical Association
Society of Christian Philosophers

Service

Calvin College

Symposium Liaison, 1997 – 2002, Fall 2005

-- Symposium is the undergraduate run philosophy club at Calvin. From 1997 – 2002 there were over 25 active participants. Each week an undergraduate student makes a 30

minute presentation on some topic of philosophic interest and fields questions pertaining to the presentation. The job of the liaison is to help keep the discussion at a satisfactory academic level and to generate interest in philosophy.

Reading Weekend, 1997 - 2002

-- Each year two philosophy faculty members accompany undergraduate philosophy majors on a weekend reading retreat. This is a weekend excursion during which all participants read the same philosophical text and discuss it.

Student Life Committee, 2000 - 2003

Core Curriculum Committee, 2003 - 2006

Areas of Specialization

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Religion

Areas of Competence

Modern Philosophy

Ethics

Positions

Calvin College, Assistant Professor, Fall, 1997- Spring 2003; Associate Professor Fall, 2003 – Spring 2008; Full Professor, Fall 2008 - Present

Introduction to Philosophy

Introduction to Logic

Ethics

Seminar in Modern Philosophy

Metaphysics: Self and World

Minds, Brains and Persons

Pluralism, Relativism and Tolerance

Soul, Body and Survival: Various Views