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PAUL SPEARS

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

1999—Present **Biola University, La Mirada, CA**
Assistant Professor, Torrey Honors Institute

EDUCATION

2003 **Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA**
Ph.D., Philosophy of Education
Thesis Director: Mary Poplin
“The Value of Philosophical Inquiry and Evaluation in Educational Theory: An Investigation of the Enlightenment’s Influence on German and American Higher Education”

1997 **Biola University, La Mirada, CA**
Master of Arts, Philosophy

1990 **Multnomah College, Portland, OR**
Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Education

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

- Evangelical Philosophical Society
- Philosophy of Education Society

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2004-Present *Member*, General Education Counsel – Biola University

2004-Present *Chair*, Hiring Committee – Torrey Honors Institute, Biola University

2001 *Member*, Vice-Provost Search Committee – Biola University

2001 *Chair*, Faculty Committee – School of Arts and Sciences, Biola University

AWARDS, GRANTS & HONORS

2008-09 Provost Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, Biola University

EXPERIENCE

2005–Present Assistant Professor, Biola University, La Mirada, CA

- Educational Philosophies in the Great Religious Traditions (Graduate course)

1999–Present Assistant Professor, Torrey Honors Institute, Biola University, La Mirada, CA

- Greek Thought
- Old Testament Beginnings
- Church Fathers and Wisdom Literature
- Greco–Roman Thought
- Medieval & Reformation Thought
- Life of Christ
- Early Modern Thought
- Pauline Epistles
- Revivalism & Romanticism
- Nineteenth Century Thought
- America and Russia
- Twentieth Century Thought
- Philosophy of Education
- C.S. Lewis' Non-fiction writings
- Educational Philosophies in the Great Religious Traditions (Graduate course)

Dec. '07-Aug '08 Director pro-tem, Torrey Honors Institute, Biola University, La Mirada, CA

Managed department of 10 full-time professors, directed faculty development, faculty personnel decisions, and student recruiting; raised scholarship money and interfaced with donors while maintaining a full-time teaching load and mentoring 33 students.

1997-1999 Adjunct Professor, Biola University, La Mirada, CA

Created all lecture and semester and final exam materials, and helped revise the curriculum and graduating requirements for students.

1990-1995 Youth Minister, Evangelical Free Church, Camarillo, CA

PUBLICATIONS

Education for Human Flourishing: A Christian Perspective, Integration and Education Series, InterVarsity Press, forthcoming Spring/Summer '09.

Foundations of Christian School Education, Chapter One: "Introduction to Philosophy," Purposeful Design Publications, July 2003.

Scriptorium Daily, 43 popular and academic works online.

PAPERS PRESENTED

“The Enlightenment and its Influence on Higher Education”

Presented at the National Faculty Leadership Conference, Summer 2002.

“Implications of German Philosophy in the 19th Century within Educational Philosophy”

Presented at the Claremont Graduate University Colloquium, October 2002.

“The Educational Philosophy of Evangelist R.A. Torrey”

Presented at the R.A. Torrey Conference, October 2003.

Biola University, La Mirada, CA

“Sentimental, Vulgar, and Dreadful Literature: C.S. Lewis & G.K. Chesterton on Popular Literature”

C.S. Lewis, the Inklings and the Call to Christian Community Conference, March 2008.

LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

Annual Guest Lecturer, Wheatstone Academy, Summer 2001-Present.

“Truth and Common Sense: C.S. Lewis on Educational Assessment”

Lecture given at Faith and Law Conference, Capitol Hill, Washington D.C. February 2008.

“How media brings unique knowledge to the classroom”

Lecture given at Christian Educators Symposium, March 2007.

Plenary Speaker, Schaeffer Bible Conference, North County Christian School, Atascadero, CA, March 2007.

Defending the Faith Lecture, Biola University Apologetics Program, February 2007.

Emmaus Forum (Summer High School Academic Retreat), Summer 2006 and 2007.

Plenary Speaker on the Nature of Knowing, the Nature of God, the Nature of Ourselves, and Nature of Scripture: Lexington Park Baptist Church Youth Apologetic Conference, April 2004.

“Knowledge and Christianity,”

Lecture given at Saddleback Community Church high school group, January 2004.

“Reality and Humanism”

Gilroy Community Church apologetics seminar, March 2003.

“To Tell the Truth”

Evangelical Free Fullerton High School Group, November 2001.

“The Importance of Knowledge”

Apple Valley Christian School, October 2001.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of Nancy Pearcey, *Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from its Cultural Captivity*, *Journal of Church and State* 47 (Winter 2005).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, the Institutional Review Board, Vanguard University, 2006 – Present. The IRB was developed to oversee ethical standards when doing research projects that involve human subjects.

Member, the Institutional Review Board, Orange County Unified School District, 2002-2006.