

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

**University of Southern California**      Fall 1995 to Summer 2000  
Los Angeles CA

*Ph.D., Religion and Social Ethics, August 2000*

*MA, Religion and Social Ethics, May 1998*

*GPA = 3.95 (on a 4.0 scale)*

*Dissertation Topic: "Whose Virtues? Which Language? A Critique of MacIntyre's and Hauerwas's 'Wittgensteinian' Virtue Ethics" (chair: Dr. John ("Jack") Crossley, with Drs. John Orr and Dallas Willard)*

**Biola University, Talbot School of Theology**      Spring 1991 to Spring 1995  
La Mirada CA

*MA, Philosophy of Religion and Ethics*

*Final GPA = 4.0 (on 4.0 scale); graduated with highest honors*

*Course work focused on metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, and theology, with a stress on integration of these subjects. Papers often explored philosophical and theological implications of virtue ethics.*

**California State University at Hayward**      Fall 1975 to Spring 1980  
Hayward CA

*BA, Political Science; option in Public Affairs and Administration*

*Final GPA = 3.5; Graduated with high honors*

## Professional Experience

**Biola University, MA Program in Christian Apologetics**      Summer 2000 to Present

Associate Professor of Ethics and Christian Apologetics

- 1. I have taught graduate courses in ethics, philosophy of religion, relativism and postmodernism, and research and writing. Currently I am teaching a philosophy course in constructivism and phenomenology. I also have taught at the undergraduate level Introduction to Ethics.*
- 2. I oversee virtually all independent studies in my department, and I also designed and oversaw a doctoral-level course in postmodernism. I have designed and now oversee ones in metaphysics and bioethics.*
- 3. I work extensively with our modular masters students, as well as our onsite ones. I advise them on most topics, and I even help them plan for further graduate work. I evaluate transcripts of current and potential students. Plus, I meet with potential new students, to recruit them.*
- 4. In the process of helping to develop our modular program, I have attended two seminars for training in active learning methodologies.*
- 5. I also design and maintain our Access database system for recruiting, and I handle list management.*

**University of Southern California**      Fall 1995 to Spring 2000

*Assistant Lecturer, Expository Writing Program*

*These courses focused on teaching good writing skills while examining social, ethical, and philosophical issues.*

## Publications

### Monographs:

*Virtue ethics and moral knowledge: philosophy of language after MacIntyre and Hauerwas* (Aldershot, England: Ashgate Publishing Ltd., 2003)

*Truth and the New Kind of Christian: The Emerging Effects of Postmodernism in the Church* (Crossway, forthcoming Sept. 2005)

### Chapters:

"Christian Postmodernism and the Internal Relation of Language and the World," in *Christianity and the Postmodern Turn*, ed. Myron Penner (Brazos Press, forthcoming, July 2005).

"Postmodernism and the Priority of the Language-World Relation," in *Christianity and the Postmodern Turn*, ed. Myron Penner (Brazos Press, forthcoming, July 2005).

"Language, Theological Knowledge, and the Postmodern Paradigm," in *Reclaiming the Center: Confronting Evangelical Accommodation in a Postmodern Times*, ed. Paul K. Helseth, Millard J. Erickson, and Justin Taylor (Crossway, 2004).

### Articles:

"Some Conceptual Problems for Hauerwas's Virtue Ethics " In *Philosophia Christi* 3:1, 2001.

"Hauerwas and Kallenberg, and the Issue of Access to an Extra-Linguistic Realm." In *Heythrop Journal* 45:3, July 2004.

"Post-Conservatives, Foundationalism, and Theological Truth: A Critical Evaluation." In *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* (forthcoming).

### Book reviews:

*Natural & Divine Law: Reclaiming the Tradition for Christian Ethics*, by Jean Porter (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999). In *Philosophia Christi* 3:2, 2001.

*Beyond Foundationalism: Shaping Theology in a Postmodern Context*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, by Stanley Grenz and John Franke (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2000). Forthcoming in *Philosophia Christi*, 2004.

## Academic Presentations and Invited Lectures

**Society of Christian Philosophers** Jan. 1995  
Pacific Regional Meeting: "MacIntyre and Tradition-Dependent Rationality"

**American Academy of Religion** March 1998  
Western Regional Meeting: "Hauerwas and the Christological Problem"

**American Academy of Religion** March 1999  
Western Regional Meeting: "MacIntyre, Hauerwas, and Language: Implications for Christian Virtue Ethics"

**Society of Christian Philosophers** April 1999  
Pacific Regional Meeting: "MacIntyre and The Failure of Language Usage to Secure Meaning And Understanding"

**Evangelical Philosophical Society** Nov. 1999  
National Meeting: "Four Conceptual Problems for Hauerwas's Virtue Ethics"

**American Academy of Religion** April 2000

Western Regional Meeting: "MacIntyre and Hauerwas, and the Problem of Access"

**Society of Christian Philosophers** April 2001

Pacific Regional Meeting: "MacIntyre and the Issue of Epistemic Access"

**Evangelical Philosophical Society** Nov. 2001

National Meeting: "Crucial Considerations for Grenz's Linguistic Theology"

**Biola University, Talbot School of Theology** Oct. 2002

Invited Lecturer: Postmodernism and youth ministry, Christian Education TTCE 661 class

**Evangelical Philosophical Society** Nov. 2002

National Meeting: "Grenz, Hauerwas, & Kallenberg, & the Problems with Linguistic, Embodied Apologetics"

**Biola University, Talbot School of Theology** Nov. 2002

Invited Lecturer: postmodern epistemology, TTPH 544, Epistemology

**Evangelical Philosophical Society** May, 2003

Western Regional Meeting: "Searle's Naturalism as a Construction of Language"

**Biola University, Torrey Honors Institute Context Lecture** Nov. 12, 2003

"Should We Talk as Nancey Murphy Talks?"

**Evangelical Philosophical Society** Nov. 2003

National Meeting: "Should We Talk as Nancey Murphy Talks?"

**American Academy of Religion** March 2004

Western Regional Meeting: "Should We Talk as Nancey Murphy Talks?"

**Evangelical Theological Society** Nov. 2004

National meeting: "Post-Conservatives, Foundationalism, and Theological Truth: A Critical Evaluation"

## **M e m b e r s h i p s**

**American Academy of Religion (AAR)**

**American Philosophical Association (APA)**

**Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP)**

**Evangelical Philosophical Society (EPS)** *Secretary-Treasurer since November 2000*

**American Catholic Philosophical Association (ACPA)**

## **O t h e r S c h o l a r l y C o n t r i b u t i o n s**

I have refereed several articles for *Philosophia Christi*, and I have refereed an article for *Studies in Religion (Sciences Religieuses)*.

I have served on a committee for Biola University/Talbot School of Theology's doctrinal statement regarding postmodernism and truth. Currently, I am advising the planning group for a Talbot conference on the Emerging Church, scheduled for May 2005.

## **A d d i t i o n a l C u r r e n t R e s e a r c h & W r i t i n g I n t e r e s t s**

I have been developing a sequel to my Ashgate book, one that would develop a positive case for moral knowledge, as well as an ethics textbook based on the theme of how we can have moral knowledge. And, I am working on a series of essays for a book that would show that naturalism is just a linguistic construct too.

## References

Dallas Willard, Ph.D., School of Philosophy, University of Southern California

John Crossley, Ph.D., School of Religion, University of Southern California

J.P. Moreland, Ph.D., Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, Biola University - Talbot School of Theology

Craig Hazen, Ph.D., Professor of Comparative Religions, Biola University (my department chair)

Scott Rae, Ph.D., Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, Biola University - Talbot School of Theology