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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

B.A. Biblical Studies	Emmaus College, <i>Cum Laude</i> (2006)
M.A. Philosophy	San Diego State University, <i>Cum Laude</i> (2008)
M.A. Philosophy of Religion & Ethics	Biola University, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> (2010)

THESIS

Supervisor: Dr. Steven Barbone
 Title: *The Two Faces of Double Truth* (2008)

AREAS OF INTEREST

Metaphysics
 Philosophy of Mind
 Philosophy of Religion
 Ancient Philosophy

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Instructional Student Assistant, San Diego State University (2007-2008)
 SDICCCA Faculty Intern, Grossmont College (2008-2009)
 Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy, Imperial Valley College (2008-2013)
 Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy, Cuyamaca College (2009-2010)
 Professor of Philosophy & Religious Studies, Arizona Western College (2010-Present)
 Faculty Associate, Arizona State University (2016-Present)

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Philosophy *
 Introduction to Ethics *
 Introduction to Logic
 Critical Thinking
 Ancient Philosophy
 Philosophy of Science
 Social & Political Philosophy *
 Philosophy of Religion
 Comparative World Religions *
 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible
 Honors Colloquium: Science and Religion
 Honors Colloquium: Politics, Religion, & the Separation of Church and State
 Organizational Ethics *

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

“A Much Needed Critique of Sartre’s ‘Existentialism Is a Humanism,’” *Pandemonium*,
 Vol. 1 (February 2008), 59-70.

Reviews

Seyyed Hossein Nasr, *Islamic Philosophy from its Origin to the Present*, in *Dialogue*,
 Vol. 50, No. 1 (October 2007), 32-35.

Owen Anderson, *The Natural Moral Law: The Good After Modernity*, in *Philosophia
 Christi*, Vol. 13, No. 2 (January 2014), 477-480.

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS (Abbreviated List)

“Warranted Belief, Foundationalism, and *the Lotus Sutra*,” San Diego State University’s
 Graduate Seminar Conference in Philosophy entitled *Philosophy and the Lotus Sutra*
 (San Diego, 2007)

“Thomas Nagel on the Unity of Consciousness: A Critique.” Pacific SCP (University of
 California at Riverside, 2008)

“The Religious Convictions of Martin Heidegger,” EPS Far West Regional Meeting (San
 Diego, 2008)

“Problems with Sartrean Philosophy,” EPS Midwest Regional Meeting (Chicago, IL
 2008)

“A Much Needed Critique of Jean-Paul Sartre’s ‘Existentialism Is a Humanism,’” San
 Diego State University’s Student Research Symposium (San Diego, 2008)

* denotes a course that has been offered in both a face-to-face and WEB format using either the Canvas or Blackboard platforms.

- “Reflections on the ‘Ground Zero Mosque,’” Panel Discussion (Arizona Western College, 2010)
- “An Augustinian Critique of Kim’s Causal Pairing Problem,” Eastern SCP (Fordham University, 2011)
- “Dare to Disagree: The Art of Fostering Constructive Disagreement in the Classroom,” Professional Development Seminar (Arizona Western College, 2013)
- “Comments on Owen Anderson’s *The Natural Moral Law: The Good After Modernity*,” Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (San Francisco, 2013).
- “Prior Probabilities, Miracles, and Naturalism,” Annual EPS Meeting (San Diego, 2014)
- “My Professor is Offensive! Engaging Students on Topics that Challenge Their Worldviews,” with Francisco Villa, at Professional Development Seminar (Arizona Western College, 2015).
- “Should Evil Ideas be Tolerated?” with Nik Byle, at Professional Development Seminar (Arizona Western College, 2017).
- “Why Teach Plato to Plumbers: In Defense of Liberal Education,” at Professional Development Seminar (Arizona Western College, 2020)

HONORS & AWARDS

- Dean’s List, Emmaus College (2004, 2005, 2006)
- Graduated with Honors, Emmaus College (2006)
- Graduated with Honors, San Diego State University (2008)
- Graduated with Highest Honors, Biola University (2010)
- Teaching Excellence Award Nomination, Arizona Western College (2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021)
- Excellence in Assessment Award (2014-2018)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Philosophical Association (2008-Present)
- American Academy of Religion (2011-Present)
- Ancient Philosophy Society (2012-Present)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING (Abbreviated List)

- Workshop on “Writing Student Learning Outcomes,” Imperial Valley College (2008)
- Seminars on “Student Learning Outcomes and Assessments, Multiple Intelligences, Shared Governance, Diversity, and Syllabus Writing,” SDICCCA Program - Grossmont College (2008-2009)
- Workshop on “Instructing ESL Students,” Arizona Western College (2010)
- Workshop on “Eliminating Plagiarism,” Arizona Western College (2011)
- Session on “Taking the Drudge Out of Grading,” Arizona Western College (2012)
- Session on “Making Blackboard User Friendly,” Arizona Western College (2012)
- Completion of Education 250 – The Community College, Arizona Western College (2012)
- Completion of Faculty Training for Distance Education and Blackboard, Arizona

Western College (2012 & 2013)
 Avid for Higher Education Training, Arizona Western College (2013)
 Writing Intensive Certification Training, Arizona Western College (2014)
 Workshop on “Building Websites for Course Outlines & Digital Portfolios,” Arizona Western College (2015)
 Title V Faculty Summer Writing Workshop, Arizona Western College (2015)
 Seminar on “First Principles: Natural Law and the Theologico-political Question,” Princeton University (2016).
 Seminar on “Church and State: Religion in the Young American Republic,” Princeton University (2018).

CLUBS & COMMITTEE WORK

Articulation Task Force Representative, Philosophy & Religious Studies, Arizona Western College (2010-Present)
 Faculty Selection Committees, Arizona Western College (ad hoc)
 Club Advisor to the *Philosophical Society*, Arizona Western College (2010-Present)
 Honor’s Program Council, Arizona Western College (2011-2015)
 Curriculum Committee Representative, Social & Behavioral Sciences Division, Arizona Western College (2013-Present)
 Faculty Advisor/Mentor for the Supplemental Instructor Program, Arizona Western College (2013-2016)
 General Education Curriculum Committee Representative, Social & Behavioral Sciences Division, Arizona Western College (2014-2015)
 Curriculum Committee: Chair, Arizona Western College (2017-2018)
 Agility Committee, Arizona Western College (2018-2020)
 Academic Council: Chair, Arizona Western College (2020-2021)

References Available Upon Request