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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, August 2005

University of Notre Dame Presidential Fellow

Dissertation: *Quinean Meta-ontology and Fictionalism*

Directors: Alvin Plantinga & Peter van Inwagen

M.A., Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, May 2003

University of Notre Dame Presidential Fellow

M.A., Religion, Yale University, May 2001

Advisor: Nicholas Wolterstorff

M.S., Mechanical Engineering, University of Central Florida, August 1994

Westinghouse Industrial Fellow

Thesis: *Lowering Gas Turbine Emissions: The Design and Testing of a Dry Low-NO_x Combustor*

Director: Fred Gunnerson

B.S., Mechanical Engineering, *Summa Cum Laude*, University of Florida, December 1992

Reformed Theological Seminary, 1995-1999

Courses: Aesthetics; History of Philosophy; Philosophy of Science; Modern Philosophy;
Christian Apologetics; Systematic Theology I, Systematic Theology III, and
Eastern Religions.

AREAS OF SPECIALTY

Epistemology, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Religion, History of Science and
Mathematics, Philosophy of Mathematics, Apologetics

AREAS OF INTEREST

Metaphysics (Ontology), Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Logic, Logic, Mathematics
Pedagogy

BOOKS

- *Classical Calculus: Understanding the Mathematics of Motion*, (Forthcoming)
- *How to Be an Atheist: Why Many Skeptics Aren't Skeptical Enough*, Crossway, (2016)
- *A Shot of Faith (to the Head)*, Thomas Nelson, (2012)
- *Galileo*, Thomas Nelson, (2011)
- *Isaac Newton*, Thomas Nelson, (2010)

ACADEMIC PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS, & PATENTS

- “*Sola Scriptura*, Disagreement, and the Rules of Theology.” Presented at *Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture (The Bible and the Reformation: 1517)*; Baylor University; Waco, TX, upcoming (October 2017).
- “Van Inwagen and the Quine-Putnam Indispensability Argument.” *Erkenntnis* 67(3) (2007): 439-453

- “Catalytic Combustion as a Pollution Prevention Technology to Achieve Ultra-Low Emissions in Power Generating Ground-Based Gas Turbine Engines.” *Hazardous and Industrial Wastes: Proceedings of the Thirty-Third Mid-Atlantic Industrial Waste Conference*, 2001
- U.S. Patent # 6,122,916: “Pilot Cones for Dry Low NOx Combustors.” Sept 26, 2000.
- U.S. Patent # 6,082,111: “Annular Premix Section for Dry Low NOx Combustors.” July 4, 2000.
- U.S. Patent # 6,038,861: “Main Stage Fuel Mixer with Premixing Transition for Dry Low NOx Combustors.” March 21, 2000.
- U.S. Patent # 6,026,645: “Fuel/Air Mixing Disks for Dry Low NOx Combustors.” Feb 22, 2000.
- U.S. Patent # 5,647,215 (also patented in China): “Gas Turbine Combustor with Turbulence Enhanced Mixing Fuel Injectors.” July 15, 1997.
- “Roles of CFD and Testing in Developing Ultra Low NOx Combustors.” *ASME Cogen-Turbo Power Conference*, Vienna; August 1995.

ARTICLES, CHAPTERS, REVIEWS, & GUEST POSTS

- Review: *The Penultimate Curiosity*; The Gospel Coalition, February 2017.
- “10 Things You Should Know About Apologetics.” Guest post at Crossway, June 13, 2016.
- “Admit It: Atheists Have a Point.” Guest post at Crossway, March 29, 2016.
- “3 Beautiful Words: ‘I Don’t Know.’” Guest post at Crossway, February 22, 2016.
- “Why Christians Should Encourage Consistent Atheism.” Guest post at Crossway, February 10, 2016.
- Review: Alvin Plantinga’s *Knowledge and Christian Belief*; The Gospel Coalition, May 2015.
- “The New Theists.” *The Resurgence*, 2012.
- “Is Religion Child Abuse?” *The Resurgence*, 2012.
- “Feeling Gravity’s Pull.” *Credenda Agenda*, 2012.
- “Should Believers Argue With Atheists?” *Beliefnet*, 2012.
- “Dealing with Doubt.” *The Resurgence*, April 17, 2012.
- “Using a Tool as a Weapon.” *Credenda Agenda* 2012.
- “Lifting the Veil.” *Credenda Agenda*, 2011.
- “Hawking, God, and the Train Wreck of Math Education” *Realclearreligion.com*, June 10, 2011.
- “Enlightenment Thinkers” in *Omnibus VI*, Veritas Press, 2012.
- “Who Makes the Rules?” *Credenda Agenda*, 2010.
- “Mathematics” in *Omnibus V*, Veritas Press, 2010.
- “Isaac Newton on the Trinity ‘Hypothesis’” *Credenda Agenda*, 2010.
- “Euclid, Faith, and Reason” in *Omnibus IV*, Veritas Press, 2009.
- “No Need To Explain.” *Credenda Agenda*, 2009.
- “Dostoyevsky on the Problems of Evil and Geometry.” *Credenda Agenda*, 2009.
- “The Rise and Fall of Reason.” in *ACCS Classis*, ACCS, 2009.
- “Math as a Liberal Art.” in New Saint Andrew College’s *Colloquia*, March, 2006.
- “Extreme Dualisms: Our Greek Heritage” in *Christian Culture*, November, 2004.

RADIO, TELEVISION, & ONLINE INTERVIEWS

- Radio Interview, Apologia TV, recorded March 9, 2017.
- Radio Interview, with Brant Hansen, CURE International; 2016.
- Radio Interview; *The Mind Renewed*; July 29, 2016.
- Television Interview, *100 Huntley Street*; June 7, 2016.
- Radio Interview; *Stand to Reason*, May 13, 2016.
- Radio Interview; Pilgrim Radio; *His People*, April 15, 2016.
- Radio Interview; *The Bob Dutko Show*, April 8, 2016.

- Radio Interview: Moody Radio; *Chris Fabry Live*, March 30, 2016.
- Video Interview with Dr. Justin Taylor, March 17, 2016.
- Video Series, Crossway:
 1. “What Modern Atheists Could Learn from David Hume.” March 10, 2016.
 2. “Why Every Serious Atheist Should Be a Moral Nihilist.” March 1, 2016.
 3. “The Problem with Human-Centered Morality.” February 24, 2016.
 4. “Is Science the Only Source of Absolute Truth?” February 17, 2016.
 5. “If I Could Sit Down with Richard Dawkins.” February 11, 2016.
- Radio Interview; *Urban Theologian Radio*, December 6, 2015.
- Radio Interview, CHRI-FM “Wednesday Bookmark” spotlight, (recorded April 17, 2012).
- Book Trailer, *A Shot of Faith to the Head*, Gorilla Poets, 2012.
- Radio Interview; The Bob Dutko Show on *Galileo*, Nov. 8, 2011.
- Radio Interview; The Bob Dutko Show on *Isaac Newton*, April 14, 2010.

TALKS

- Six talks on “Apologetics and Atheism in the 21st Century.” Huguenot Heritage’s *Western European Ministerial Conference*, Lyon, France; June 26-28, 2017.
- “If God Is Dead, Is Everything Permissible?”, University of Idaho; Trinity/CRF, April 20, 2015.
- “Does Belief in God Need Evidence?”, “Science vs. Religion: Galileo”, “Science vs. Religion: Newton”, “Does Science Care About God?”, “Does Science Tell the Truth?”, presented at *Ozark’s Theology Conference: Reason to Believe: Confident Faith in a Time of Skepticism*. June, 2013.
- “Does Science Tell the Truth?” presented at Collegiate Reformed Fellowship, University of Idaho, Oct 2012.
- “Newton: Completing Plato’s Homework,” “Galileo Invades Greece,” and “Does Science Care About God?” presented at *The Roots of Modern Science in Their Christian Soil*, The Oaks Academy, April 13, 2012.
- “(The Right Kind of) Less is More” and “The Quadrivium: Strengthening Your Faith through Mathematics” presented at *Classical Conversations Toward the Quadrivium Conference*, Cincinnati, Ohio; March 2012.
- “How to Be A Real Skeptic” presented at Collegiate Reformed Fellowship, University of Idaho, Nov 2011.
- *Practical Homeschooling: Educating Your Child's Head and Heart*, Canon Press, 2008
- *Genesis: A Classical Christian Educators Conference*, Brooklyn, NY, May 2008 (four lectures):
 1. “What Is Classical Education?”
 2. “The Student's Head: Content”
 3. “The Student's Heart: Character”
 4. “Mathematics: How We've Missed the Whole Point.”

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2013 Outreach Magazine’s Resource of the Year, Apologetics (*A Shot of Faith*)
- University of Notre Dame Presidential Fellowship, 2001-2005.
- Highest Ranked Graduate Teaching Assistant: Philosophy Department, Spring 2004.
- *Outstanding Graduate Teacher Award*, 2003 University of Notre Dame
- Westinghouse Industrial Fellowship, 1993-1994.
- ASME Sylvia W. Farny Scholarship, ranked 2nd highest in nation.
- United States Sugar Corp. Scholarship, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 (largest mechanical engineering scholarship offered by the University of Florida)
- Rhone-Poulenc AG Scholarship, 1991-1992.

- Pi Tau Sigma - National Mechanical Engineering Honor Society; 1991-1992.

EMPLOYMENT

- Senior Fellow of Philosophy, New Saint Andrews College, August 2011 to Present.
- Fellow of Philosophy, New Saint Andrews College, August 2005 to August 2011.
- Teaching Assistant, University of Notre Dame; Department of Philosophy, August 2002 to May 2004.
- Assistant Production Editor, Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic, August 2004 to May 2005.
- Research & Development Engineer, Precision Combustion, Inc; Gas Turbine Catalytic Combustion, August 1999 to May 2001.
- Senior Engineer, Siemens-Westinghouse Power Corporation; Combustion Technology, May 1998 to August 1999.
- Advanced Engineer, Siemens-Westinghouse Power Corporation; Combustion Technology, September 1997 to May 1998.
- Engineer, Siemens-Westinghouse Power Corporation; Combustion Technology, August 1994 to September 1997.
- Graduate Researcher (Westinghouse Industrial Fellow), University of Central Florida, January 1993 to August 1994
- Undergraduate Research Assistant, University Of Florida; Gas Dynamics Laboratory, May 1991 to August 1992.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Proposal reviewer for Routledge, Spring 2017.
- Moderator, Veritas Forum Debate, March 3, 2016.
- Proposal reviewer for Routledge, Fall 2014.
- Board Member, Logos School, Moscow, Idaho
- Session Chair, *Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference*, 2010.
- Session Chair, *Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference*, 2008.
- Board Member, Atlas School, Moscow, Idaho
- Chair of Classical & Christian School Startup Committee – Michiana Covenant Church, 2004.
- Member of the Philosophy of Science Association, 1999.
- Member of the Society of Christian Philosophers, 1999-2000.
- Member of Toastmasters International, 1998.
- Journal Referee: International Gas Turbine Institute Journal; 1996.
- President of Pi Tau Sigma (The National Mechanical Engineering Honor Society): Summer/Fall 1992.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Sermon: “Humility and Freedom”, Valley Covenant Church, Lewiston, Idaho, May 14, 2017.
- Sermon: “Suffering and the Gospel”, Valley Covenant Church, Lewiston, Idaho, April 2, 2017.

REFERENCES (Contact information available upon request)

- Peter van Inwagen - *John Cardinal O'Hara Professor of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame*
- Greg Ganssle - *Professor of Philosophy, Talbot Department of Philosophy, Biola University*
- Christopher Green - *Associate Professor of Law and H.L.A. Hart Scholar in Law and Philosophy, The University of Mississippi School of Law*
- Nathan King – *Associate Professor of Philosophy, Whitworth University*