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Areas of Competency

Ethics, Ancient Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy

Areas of Specialization

Aquinas's Ethics, Seven Deadly Sins

Education

2000 Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame; Dr. W. David Solomon, Director.
1995 M.A. in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame
1993 B.A. in Philosophy and Communication Arts & Sciences, Calvin College

Publications

Aquinas's Ethics: Metaphysical Foundations, Moral Theory, and Theological Context.
Co-authors: Colleen McCluskey. University of Notre Dame Press, 2009.

Glittering Vices: A New Look at the Seven Deadly Sins. Brazos Press, 2009.

Overcoming Sin, in the Disciples, Year 2 series. Grand Rapids, MI: Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2008.

“The Vice of Sloth: Some Historical Reflections on Laziness, Effort, and Resistance to the Demands of Love.” *The Other Journal* 10 (Fall 2007).

The Seven Deadly Sins: A Survival Guide. Grand Rapids, MI: Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2007.

“The Seven Deadly Sins.” Entry for *Encyclopedia of Christianity*, ed. Erwin Fahlbusch et al. (Brill-Eerdmans, 2005).

“Resistance to the Demands of Love.” *Spark* 51:1 (2005).

“Power Made Perfect in Weakness.” *Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics* 14 (Winter 2005).

“Resistance to the Demands of Love: Aquinas on *Acedia*” *The Thomist* 68:2 (April 2004).

“Aquinas’s Virtues of Acknowledged Dependence: A New Measure of Greatness.” *Faith and Philosophy* 21:2 (2004).

“Courage, Weakness, and September 11” [editor’s title] *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought* 17:6 (2002).

“From a Logical Point of View”: Response to James Rachels *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 5:1 (2002).

“Power Made Perfect in Weakness: Aquinas’s Transformation of the Virtue of Courage.” *Medieval Philosophy and Theology* 11:2 (2003).

Forthcoming Books and Chapters

“Aquinas on Gluttony.” Chapter in *Aquinas and the Virtues: Temperance*, ed. R. E. Houser. Forthcoming from Catholic University of America Press, 2009.

“On Love and Power: The Virtue of Courage and the Christian Tradition.” Chapter in *Participating in the Divine Nature: Christian Virtues for Everyday Life*, Mike Austin and Doug Geivett, eds. Forthcoming from Eerdmans.

“Holy Fear.” Chapter in *The Intellectual Legacy of John Paul II*, ed. L. L. Garcia. Forthcoming from Crossroads Press.

“The Roots of Despair.” Chapter in *Aquinas and the Virtues: Hope*, ed. R. E. Houser. Forthcoming from Catholic University of America Press.

“Sloth and Diligence.” Chapter in *Virtues and Vices*, ed. Kevin Timpe and Craig A. Boyd. Work in progress.

Book and Article Reviews

Article referee, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Medieval Philosophy and Theology*, *Christian Scholars Review*, *Journal of Education and Christian Belief*.

Book review, *By Knowledge and By Love: Charity and Knowledge in the Moral Theology of St. Thomas Aquinas* (Catholic University of America Press, 2006). *Speculum* 82:3 (July 2007).

Book review, *Love of God and Love of Self in 13th Century Ethics*, by Thomas Osborne (University of Notre Dame Press, 2005). *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 45:2, pp. 329-330.

Book review, *Thomas Aquinas: Theologian of the Christian Life*, Nicholas M. Healy (Ashgate 2003). *Scottish Journal of Theology* 58:2.

Review of Edwin Hui, *At the Beginning of Life: Dilemmas in Theological Bioethics* (IVP, 2000). *Calvin Theological Journal* 38:2 (2003).

Review of Robert Pasnau, *Thomas Aquinas on Human Nature* (Cambridge 2002). *Theology Today* 59:4 (2003).

Academic Grants & Awards

Calvin Research Fellowship, spring 2010.

Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship Grant: release time to write a scholarly book or articles on the seven deadly sins and convene a workshop on the vices tradition with the Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame (2006-8).

National Endowment for the Humanities 5-week summer seminar: "The Seven Deadly Sins as Cultural Constructions in the Middle Ages," Cambridge, UK, July-August 2006.

Calvin Alumni Association Grant, to complete work on *Seven Deadly Sins: A Survival Guide*, 2005.

Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship Grant, to work on a co-authored book, *Aquinas's Ethics: Metaphysical Foundations, Moral Theory, and Theological Context*, with Christina VanDyke (Calvin College) and Colleen McCluskey (St. Louis University). 2003-5.

Lilly Faculty Scholars Research Grant (Lilly Vocation Project), Calvin College: "The Practice and Pedagogy of Virtue as Spiritual Formation in Aquinas." 2002.

Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities Initiative Grant to fund a conference at St. Louis University in April 2003, two summer workshops, and collaborative research: "Aquinas's Ethics: Metaphysical Foundations and Theological Context" with Drs. Christina VanDyke (Calvin College), Colleen McCluskey (St. Louis University) and Eleonore Stump (St. Louis University). 2000-3.

Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 1997

Mark of "Excellent": Oral Competency Exam, Notre Dame, 1996

Area: *History of Ethics: The Virtue Tradition*

Director: Dr. David O'Connor

Mark of "Excellent": History of Philosophy Comprehensive Exam, Notre Dame, 1995

Mark of "Excellent": Third Semester Paper, Notre Dame, 1994

"Socrates as Intellectual Midwife in Plato's *Theaetetus*"

Kay Tiemersma Award, Calvin College, 1993

For a senior woman athlete who excels in character, scholarship, and athletics.
O. K. Bouwsma Memorial Award, Department of Philosophy, Calvin College, 1992-3.

For a senior with outstanding scholarship and plans to pursue philosophy at the graduate school level.

NCAA Academic All-American (Cross Country, Track and Field), 1991-3.

National Merit Scholar, 1989-1993.

Professional Presentations and Conferences

Summer Research Seminar co-leader, with Robert Kruschwitz, "Capital Vices and the Christian Tradition," Calvin seminars for Christian Scholarship, Calvin College, June 2010.

Plenary address, Conference on "Teaching, Learning, and Christian Practices," Kuyers Institute for Christian Teaching and Learning, Calvin College, October 2009.

Fall Faculty Conference address, "Teaching the Vices," Azusa Pacific University, September 2009.

Paper presentation, "The Roots of Despair." Session chair, "Aquinas and the Virtue of Hope, part II." 44th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI. May 2009.

"Death By Chocolate? Aquinas on the Vice of Gluttony." Calvin College Philosophy Department lecture, February 2009.

Paper presentation, "Love Bears All Things: Aquinas on the Virtue of Courage and the Gift of Fear." 43rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI. May 2008.

Guest lecture, "Sloth: Resistance to the Demands of Love." Hope College. October 2007.

"Harry Potter and the Virtue of Courage." Presentation for the Center of Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame. September 2007.

Summer Workshop convener, "The Vices Tradition." University of Notre Dame; sponsored by the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship. Paper presentations: "How Was Lunch?: Aquinas on Gluttony," "Envy Then and Now: A Critique of Gabriele Taylor," and "Aquinas on Sloth: Three Interpretive Issues." August 2007.

Paper Presentation, "Aquinas on Sloth: Three Interpretive Issues." Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Cornell University. June 2007.

Paper presentation, "Secular Analogues of Spiritual Sloth." 42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo MI. May 2007.

Invited lecture, "*Groundhog Day* as Thomistic Therapy: Aquinas on the Vice of Sloth," Wheaton College. March 2007.

Invited lecture, “The Vice of Sloth,” Valparaiso University. March 2006.

Invited paper, “Holy Fear,” Boston College. February 2006.

Invited lecture, “Feeling Bitter When Others Have it Better: Aquinas on the Vice of Envy,” Hope College. October 2004.

Response to “A ‘Monkish Virtue’ Outside the Monastery: On the Social and Civic Value of Humility” by Mary M. Keys, Martin Marty Center Religion and Culture Web Forum, University of Chicago. June 2004.

Paper presentation, “Capital Vices or Deadly Sins?” Cornell Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Cornell University. May 2004.

Invited lecture, “Resistance to the Demands of Love: Thomas Aquinas on the Vice of Sloth,” Hope College. February 2004.

Invited lecture, “Couch Potato or Contempt for God? Aquinas on the Sin of Sloth,” St. Mary’s College, Indiana. October 2003.

Paper presentation, “*Acedia* and the Burdens of Commitment,” Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture. October 2003.

Paper presentation, “*Acedia* and the Burdens of Commitment: Aquinas on the Sin of Sloth,” Midwestern Conference on Medieval Philosophy, Creighton University. September 2003.

Session chair, Conference on “Creation, Covenant, and Participation: Radical Orthodoxy and the Reformed Tradition,” Calvin College. September 2003.

Conference co-convener and session chair, “Aquinas’s Ethics: Metaphysical Foundations, Moral Theory, and Theological Context,” St. Louis University. Funded by a Council of Christian Colleges and Universities Initiative Grant and St. Louis University. April 2003.

Invited lecture, “The Vice of *Acedia* and the Virtues of Acknowledged Dependence.” Center for Christian Ethics conference “In the Image of God: Trinity, Community, and Self,” Baylor University. March 2003.

Paper presentation, “Virtue and Vocation: The Pedagogy and Practice of Virtue in Thomas Aquinas,” Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Conference on “A Culture of Life.” Lilly Faculty Scholars Grant. September 2002.

Paper presentation, “Purple Heart or Flaming Pyre? Aquinas’s Transformation of the Virtue of Courage in the *Summa theologiae*,” Cornell Colloquium on Medieval Philosophy. May 2002.

Paper presentation, “Aquinas’s Virtues of Acknowledged Dependence: A New Measure of Greatness,” Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture. November 2001.

Paper presentation, “Power Made Perfect in Weakness: Reflections on Vulnerability and the Virtue of Courage in Aquinas’s *Summa theologiae* and John Paul II’s *Evangelium Vitae*.” Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture. October 2000.

Response to Scott MacDonald’s “Negligence and Inattention in Practical Reasoning.” Wheaton College conference on “The Contemporary Relevance of Medieval Philosophy.” October 1999.

Paper presentation, “Aquinas on *affabilitas*: On the Possibility and Necessity of Civic Friendship,” Baylor University Institute for Faith and Learning conference on “Cultivating Citizens: Soulcraft & Citizenship in Contemporary America.” October 1999.

Other Presentations

“Introducing the Seven Capital Vices.” Adult education talk, First Christian Reformed Church (Muskegon, MI), February 2010.

“Friday night spotlight” on *Glittering Vices*, Baker Book House, September 2009.

Interview re: *Glittering Vices*, *Christianity Today*, Sept 2009.

Interview re: *Glittering Vices*, Amplify with Fr. Ron Lengwin (KDKA), aired August 2, 2009.

Interview re: *Glittering Vices*, PrimeTimeAmerica, aired July 8-9, 2009.

“Introducing the Seven Capital Vices.” Adult education talk, Central Reformed Church (Grand Rapids, MI), February 2009.

“Introducing the Seven Capital Vices.” Adult education talk, Ferrysburg Community Church (Spring Lake, MI), February 2009.

Instructor, Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning 8-week class on the seven deadly sins, Calvin College. March-April 2007.

“Shattered Glass and the Vice of Vainglory.” Developing a Christian Mind post-film discussion leader, Calvin College. January 2007.

Chapel talk, “God’s Surprising Command: Do Not Be Afraid.” Unity Christian High School, Hudsonville, MI. January 2007.

“10 Things I Wish I Knew...” Student Life Sexuality Series Lecture. Calvin College. November 2005, 2006.

“Vices and Virtues: Pedagogy and Practice” Fall Faculty Conference, Calvin College. September 2006.

Presentation to Student Life Division, “Love of Self and the Vice of Sloth,” Calvin College. April 2006.

“When Less is More: The Spiritual Discipline of Fasting,” Grey Matter Series, Calvin College. March 2006.

Invited panelist, “Called to Teach; Teaching as Calling,” Fall Faculty Conference, Calvin College. September 2005.

Invited talk, “The Seven Capital Vices: A Historical Introduction.” Church of the Servant, Grand Rapids, MI. March 2004.

Colloquium paper, “Resistance to the Demands of Love,” Aquinas reading and working group, University of Notre Dame. February 2004.

Peer reviewer for articles submitted to *Medieval Philosophy and Theology* and the *Journal of Christian Education and Belief*. Spring 2004.

Invited speaker, “Test your Virtue IQ,” Transitions Orientation Program, Calvin College. January 2003.

Visiting lecturer, “Report to Synod on Beginning of Life Issues: Questions or Answers?” Interim class on Biotechnology and Ethics (Dr. David Koetje), Calvin College. January 2003.

“Seven Deadly Sins: A Course in Practical Instruction.” Student project presentations in the Calvin College Residence Halls, November 2002; “Virtue and Vocation” Church education/Service-learning presentations at Ridgewood CRC, May 2004. Funded by Lilly Faculty Scholars grant.

Chapel talk, “Called to Greatness: the Virtue of Magnanimity,” Calvin College. February 2002.

Chapel talk, “Vulnerability and the Virtue of Courage,” Calvin College. September 2001.

Adult education class leader, youth group sexuality retreat leader & curriculum writer, high school church education seven capital vices curriculum writer & teacher, St. Joseph Christian Reformed Church, Georgetown Christian Reformed Church, and Ridgewood Christian Reformed Church. 1994-present.

Teaching and Research Experience

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Calvin College, 2005-present
Instructor, Calvin Theological Seminary, fall quarter 2008

The Seven Capital Vices in Contemporary Culture and the Christian Tradition
 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Calvin College, 1998-2005
 Senior Seminar: The Seven Capital Vices (fall 2006)
 Aquinas Seminar
 Advanced Ethical Theory
 Plato & Aristotle Seminar
 History of Ancient & Medieval Philosophy
 Fundamental Questions in Philosophy
 Teaching Assistant for Dr. Nicholas Wolterstorff's philosophy seminar, summer 1996
 Pew Younger Scholars Program, University of Notre Dame
 Research Assistant for Dr. Paul Weithman, Department of Philosophy,
 University of Notre Dame, 1995-6. Bibliographical and copy-editing work on *Religion
 and Contemporary Liberalism* (University of Notre Dame Press, 1997).
 Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 1994-7
 Philosophy and Fantasy (K. Sayre), Introduction to Philosophy (T. V. Morris, M. Loux),
 Morality and Modernity (W. D. Solomon), Medical Ethics (W. D. Solomon)
 Church adult and youth education instructor, 1994-present.
 Tutor for undergraduates in logic and English, Calvin College, 1991-3

Administrative Experience

2007-present Philosophy Department Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee
 2006-present Society of Christian Philosophers Executive Committee
 2005-2007 Philosophy Department Planning and Priorities Committee; Philosophy
 Department ombudsperson, Calvin College
 2004-present Calvin College liaison for the American Association of University Women
 1998-2005 Philosophy Department Library and Scholarship Committee, Calvin College
 2005-2006 Student Discipline Committee, Calvin College
 2001-2005 Institutional Review Board, Calvin College
 2000-2001 Appellate Board of Student Discipline Committee, Calvin College
 1999-2003 Faculty Mentor for Symposium, the student-led philosophy club, Calvin College
 1999-2003 Study Committee, Synod of the Christian Reformed Church:
 Beginning of Life Issues

Professional Memberships

Society of Christian Philosophers
 American Philosophical Association

References

Dr. Del Ratzsch, Chair, Department of Philosophy, Calvin College.

Dr. Scott MacDonald, Norma K. Regan Professor of Christian Studies, Cornell University

Dr. W. David Solomon, Department of Philosophy and Director, Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame.

Dr. C. Stephen Evans, University Professor of Philosophy and Humanities, and Dr. Robert Kruschwitz, Center for Christian Ethics, Baylor University.

Dr. R. E. Houser, Center for Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas, Houston.