

Curriculum vitae
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Professional Experience

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Hope College, 2011-present (chair of department 2013-present)
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Hope College, 2006-2011
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Hope College, 2004-2006
Teaching Assistant, Purdue University, 2000-2004

Education

Ph.D., Purdue University, with honors, May 2004
M.A., Purdue University, May 2003
B.A. (Religion and Philosophy), *Summa cum Laude*, Hope College, May 2000

Areas of Research

My primary areas of interest are in philosophical theology, Catholic thought, the thought of Søren Kierkegaard, and applied ethics.

Publications

Books:

Civil Dialogue on Abortion (coauthored with Bertha Alvarez Manninen) (London: Routledge, under contract).

- What Does It Mean to Be Catholic?* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2015).
 Reviewed by Dr. Rick Janet for *Homiletic and Pastoral Review* at:
<http://www.hprweb.com/2016/11/late-fall-reading/>
 Reviewed by Glenn Stanton for *National Catholic Register* at:
<http://www.ncregister.com/blog/gstanton/you-cant-share-the-faith-if-you-dont-know-the-faith>.
 Reviewed by Casey Chalk for *Called to Communion* at:
<http://www.calledtocommunion.com/2016/01/jack-mulder-jr-answers-what-does-it-mean-to-be-catholic/>
 Reviewed by Abigail Woods-Ferreira in *Commonweal*:
<https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/what-does-it-mean-be-catholic>
 Reviewed by Leonardo de Chirico for *Evangelical Focus* at:
http://evangelicalfocus.com/blogs/1750/What_does_it_mean_to_be_Catholic_A_book_review
 Reviewed by Abraham M. Antony, SDB in: *Mission Today* XVIII/2 (2016) 177-181
- Kierkegaard and the Catholic Tradition* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2010).
 Reviewed by John Lippitt for Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews at:
<http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/27748-kierkegaard-and-the-catholic-tradition-conflict-and-dialogue-2/>
 Reviewed in Gregory R. Beabout in “Kierkegaard Amidst the Catholic Tradition,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, 87 (2013): 521-540.
 Reviewed by Joseph Fitzpatrick, *New Blackfriars*, 94 (2013): 374-376.
- Mystical and Buddhist Elements in Kierkegaard’s Religious Thought* (Lewiston: Edwin Mellen Press, 2005).

Articles and book chapters:

- “Augustine and Kierkegaard on Martyrdom and ‘Polite Persecution,’” in *Augustine and Kierkegaard*, ed. Kim Paffenroth and John Doody (Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, forthcoming).
- “Knowledge, Virtue, and Onto-theology: A Kierkegaardian (Self-)Critique,” *The Journal of Cultural and Religious Theory*, 14 (2015): 377-385.
- “Grace and Rigor in Kierkegaard’s Reception of the Church Fathers,” in *A Companion to Kierkegaard*, ed. Jon Stewart (Oxford: Blackwell, 2015), pp. 155-166.
- “A Response to Chiang and White on the Immaculate Conception,” *Christian Scholar’s Review* 43 (2014): 261-265.
- “A Response to Law and McBrayer on Homosexual Activity,” *Think: Philosophy for Everyone*, 38 (2014): 39-46.
- “A Short Argument against Abortion Rights,” *Think: Philosophy for Everyone*, 34 (2013): 57-68.
- “Governance/Providence,” in *Kierkegaard’s Concepts, Volume 15, Tome III: Envy to Incognito*, ed. by Steven M. Emmanuel, William McDonald and Jon Stewart (Surrey, UK: Ashgate, 2014), pp. 113-118.

Articles and book chapters, continued:

- “Martyrdom/Persecution,” in *Kierkegaard’s Concepts, Volume 15, Tome IV*, ed. Jon Stewart, William McDonald and Steven Emmanuel (Farnham: Ashgate, 2014), pp. 123-129.
- “Abraham Joshua Heschel: Heschel’s Use of Kierkegaard as Cohort in Depth Theology,” in *Kierkegaard’s Influence on Theology; Tome II: Catholic and Jewish Theology*, ed. Jon Stewart (Farnham: Ashgate, 2012), pp. 155-170.
- “Why More Christians Should Believe in Mary’s Immaculate Conception,” *Christian Scholar’s Review*, 41 (2012): 117-134.
A substantial response is included in R. Gary Chiang and Evelyn M. White, “A theologically based biological challenge to the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary,” *Christian Scholar’s Review*, 43 (2014): 241-260. My own rejoinder is also included in the same issue.
- “Let’s rethink *Roe v. Wade* – and overturn it,” (one of several responses to Bertha Manninen, “Rethinking *Roe v. Wade*: Defending the Abortion Right in the Face of Contemporary Opposition”) *American Journal of Bioethics*, 10 (2010): pp. 65-66.
- “Kierkegaard and Natural Reason: A Catholic Encounter,” *Faith and Philosophy* 26 (2009): 42-63.
- “Bernard of Clairvaux: Kierkegaard’s Reception of the ‘Last of the Fathers,’” in *Kierkegaard and the Patristic and Medieval Traditions*, ed. Jon Stewart, Aldershot: Ashgate, 2008, pp. 21-45.
- “Cyprian of Carthage: Kierkegaard, Cyprian, and the ‘urgent needs of the times,’” in *Kierkegaard and the Patristic and Medieval Traditions*, ed. Jon Stewart, Aldershot: Ashgate, 2008, pp. 67-94.
- “On Being Afraid of Hell: Kierkegaard and Catholicism on Imperfect Contrition,” in *Kierkegaard Studies: Yearbook 2007*, ed. Niels Jørgen Cappelørn and Hermann Deuser, Berlin: de Gruyter, 2007, pp. 96-122.
- “The Catholic Moment?: The Apostle in Kierkegaard’s ‘The Difference Between a Genius and an Apostle,’” in *Without Authority*, ed. Robert L. Perkins, Macon, Georgia: Mercer University Press, 2006 (*International Kierkegaard Commentary*, vol. 18), pp. 203-234.
- “Must All Be Saved? A Kierkegaardian Response to Theological Universalism,” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 59 (2006): 1-24.
- “Alone with Myself (and Everyone Else): Kierkegaard and Nishida on Loneliness and Love,” *Listening: A Journal of Religion and Culture* 40 (2005): 170-181.
- “*Satori* in Climacus? Christian Existence and the Zen Charge of Dualism,” *Kierkegaard Studies: Yearbook 2005*, ed. Niels Jørgen Cappelørn and Hermann Deuser, Berlin: de Gruyter, 2005, pp. 294-313.
- “Faith and Nothingness in Kierkegaard: A Mystical Reading of the God-Relationship” (doctoral dissertation, Purdue University, 2004).
- “Re-radicalizing Kierkegaard: An Alternative to Religiousness C in light of an Investigation into the Teleological Suspension of the Ethical,” *Continental Philosophy Review* 35 (2002): 303-324.
A substantial response is included in Merold Westphal, “Religiousness C: A Defense,” *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 44 (2004), 535-48.

Book reviews:

Joshua Furnal, *Catholic Theology After Kierkegaard* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016). *Journal of Jesuit Studies*, forthcoming.

Jon Stewart, *Søren Kierkegaard: Subjectivity, Irony, and the Crisis of Modernity* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015). *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 91 (2017): 110-112.

Blog posts, popular articles, or relevant interviews:

Interview with Al Kresta on Ave Maria Radio: <https://avemariaradio.net/audio-archive/kresta-afternoon-september-15-2016-hour-1/>

Interview with Jonathan Armstrong of the Aqueduct Project on Catholicism and Ecumenism: <http://aqueductproject.org/unitas-fidei-jack-mulder/>

Guest spot on EWTN's *The Journey Home* with host Marcus Grodi, aired on April 11, 2016: <http://www.chnetwork.org/journey-home/jack-mulder/>

"What Does Philosophy of Religion Offer to the Modern University," invited blog post on <http://philosophyofreligion.org>.

"Safe Zone Stickers and Bad Ecumenism," *Catholic World Report* at: http://www.catholicworldreport.com/Blog/4443/safe_zone_stickers_and_bad_ecumenism.aspx

Philosophy TV spot with Bertha Alvarez Manninen on the abortion debate: <http://www.philostv.com/bertha-alvarez-manninen-and-jack-mulder/>.

"What is Philosophy of Religion?" invited blog post at <http://philosophyofreligion.org>.

"Catholic Because I'm a Sinner," *First Things* ("On the Square") <http://www.firstthings.com/onthesquare/2012/04/catholic-because-im-a-sinner>.

Papers presented and invited addresses:

"What Does It Mean to Be Catholic?" Hope College Winter Happening, January 28, 2017.

"The Incarnation and the Four Last Things," Authenticum Lecture Series, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Grand Rapids, MI, December 1, 2016.

"Response to Leonard Harris" at the Fall Arts and Humanities Symposium, "Am I Not Human: Racial Identities in Modern America," September 30, Hope College.

"The Content Problem for Bettcher's Theory of (Trans) Women" at the Midwest Society of Christian Philosophers meeting, September 22-24, 2016, Evangel University, Springfield, MO.

"Running from Creation," a presentation at St. Isidore Catholic Church *Fortnight for Freedom* program, June 23, 2016.

"Knowledge, Virtue, and Ontotheology," invited panel presentation for the Society for Continental Philosophy and Theology at the 2014 annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association (October 9-12, 2014, Washington, D.C.).

Papers presented and invited addresses, continued:

- “Are Natural Law and Divine Command Theory Incompatible?” at the Hope College/Western Theological Seminary Theology colloquium, April 24, 2014.
- “Is Love God? Kierkegaard and the Catholic Tradition on God and Human Love,” at the 2013 Baylor conference on “Kierkegaard: A Christian Thinker for our Time?” October 31-November 2.
- “Are Natural Law and Divine Command Theory Incompatible?” at the 2013 Midwest Regional meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Georgetown College, April 4-6, 2013.
- “Sex: A Traditional View” at the 2012 Midwest Regional meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Hendrix College, March 22-24, 2012.
- “Blessed Be God Forever,” at the Hope College/Western Theological Seminary Theology colloquium, February 22, 2012.
- “Philosophy, Sexuality, and Bigotry: The Contribution of a Catholic Sexual Ethic to Campus Dialogue,” Hope College Philosophy Department Speaker Series, October 20, 2011.
- “Comments on James Gould, ‘Reflective Theological Equilibrium and the Dilemma of Partnered Homosexuality,’” Midwest Society of Christian Philosophers meeting, Hope College, February 24-26, 2011.
- “Kanean Libertarianism in the Garden of Eden” (co-authored with Hope student Mike Bertrand), at the Mountain-Pacific Regional Conference of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Fort Lewis College, October 22-24, 2009.
- “The Sickness Unto Life: Justification in Kierkegaard and the Question of Purgatory,” presented at the symposium, “Kierkegaard and Death” December 7-8, 2007, St. Olaf College.
- “Nothingness and Religious Awakening: Points of Contact in Kierkegaard and Buddhism,” invited lecture, Ohio State University, co-sponsored by Department of Comparative Studies, Department of History, Institute for Chinese Studies, Institute for Collaborative Research and Public Humanities, Institute for Japanese Studies and the East Asian Studies Center, and New Diversity Initiatives with the Multicultural Center, March 8, 2007.
- “Is Abraham a Hero: Hope and the Natural Law in Kierkegaard’s *Fear and Trembling*,” invited lecture, Ashland University, February 15, 2007.
- “Zen and Comparative Philosophy,” presentation at “Teaching Hope,” organized by Hope College Student Congress around the theme of issues of diversity in various disciplines, October 5, 2006.
- “On Being Afraid of Hell: Kierkegaard and Catholicism on Imperfect Contrition,” Research Seminar on Kierkegaard’s *Upbuilding Discourses in Various Spirits* and *Christian Discourses*, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 15-18, 2006.
- “From Jerusalem to Athens? Reflections on an Inward Journey,” Hope College Religion Department Speaker Series, April 7, 2005.
- “Must All Be Saved? Kierkegaard and Theological Universalism,” Hope College Philosophy Department Speaker Series, November 9, 2004.

Papers presented and invited addresses, continued:

- “*Satori* in Climacus? Christian Existence and the Zen Charge of Dualism,” Research Seminar on Kierkegaard’s *Concluding Unscientific Postscript*, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 10-13, 2004.
- “*Satori* in Climacus? Christian Existence and the Zen Charge of Dualism,” *Identifications: Faith, Theory and Identity*. Graduate Student Conference, Purdue University, February 6-8, 2004.
- “Simple and Free: The Need for Divine Simplicity,” Eastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Asbury College, December 4-6, 2003.
- “Absolute Nothingness and the Christian God,” *Cross Currents: New Intersections in Comparative Philosophy*, Graduate Student Conference, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, March 6-7, 2003.
- “A Teleological Suspension and a Walk in the Park,” invited lecture, Hope College, October 26, 2001.

Popular talks (parish, community, and/or lay academic; varying lengths):

- “Catholicism for non-Catholics”
- “The Sacraments in the Catholic Tradition”
- “The Four Dimensions of the Human Person”
- “With All Your Mind: Faith and Scholarship”
- “The Jesus Prayer”
- “Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory”
- “The Gift of Life: A Catholic Understanding of Life and Love”
- “The Catholic Church and the Eucharist”
- “The Catholic Church and the Papacy”
- “The Immaculate Conception: Notes on History, Theology, and Doctrine”
- “Purgatory in the Catholic Tradition”
- “Are Catholics Christians?”
- “Are Catholics Obsessed with Mary?”
- “Salvation in the Catholic Tradition”
- “Revelation in the Catholic Tradition”
- “The Blessed Trinity”
- “15 minutes on the most important woman in the universe”
- “Scripture and Tradition”
- “Lectio Divina”
- “Natural Law in the Catholic Tradition”

Invited panel presentations at Hope and in community:

- “#BlackLivesMatter event at CultureWorks”
- “A Pope for All Christians?”
- “Marriage and Sexuality”

Invited panel presentations at Hope and in community, continued:

- Several panels on sexuality and homosexuality
- “Women’s Health and Political Diversity”

Courses taught at Hope College (philosophy courses unless otherwise noted):

Ancient Philosophy (flagged for Cultural Heritage 1);
Logic (flagged for MA2 – Mathematics General Education requirement);
Informal Logic;
Modern Philosophy (flagged for Cultural Heritage 2);
Philosophy of Religion (cross-listed with Religion);
Revolutions: Inside and Out (IDS Cultural Heritage 2: Literature, History, and Philosophy);
Heaven, Hell and Purgatory (IDS First-Year Seminar);
Contemporary Catholicism (Religion 100),
Philosophies of China and Japan (flagged for CD4 [old Cultural Diversity flag]);
Existentialism;
Introduction to World Religions (Religion 280);
Human and Divine Freedom (Philosophy 450 capstone course);
Moral Choices at the Movies (IDS First-Year Seminar);
Ethics of Sex and Reproduction;
Philosophy of Race (flagged for Global Learning-Domestic);
Sexual Ethics (cross-listed with Women’s and Gender Studies and flagged for CD2 and GLD);
God, Freedom, and Evil (IDS Cultural Heritage 2: Philosophy and Literature);
Global Ethical Challenges (flagged for GL-International and Cultural Heritage 2);
Does Morality Need God? (Philosophy 450 capstone course);
Catholics, Protestants, and the World (IDS Senior Seminar; flagged for GLI)

Independent studies at Hope College:

Ancient Philosophy (secondary literature), Kierkegaard, Kyoto School, Divine Freedom, The Problem of Onto-theology, Applied Ethics in Mental Health Care

Courses taught at Purdue University:

Religions of the West, Philosophy of Religion, Introduction to Ethics, Introduction to Philosophy, Religions of the East

Grants, honors, and awards:

| Date | Name of Grant, Honor, or Fellowship |
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| 2016 | Third place, 2016 Catholic Press Association Book Awards, for Popular presentation of the Catholic faith. |

Grants, honors, and awards, continued:

- 2016 Janet L. Andersen Award for Excellence in Teaching (annual Hope College award; one of two awardees)
- 2013 Hope College Nyenhuis Student-Faculty Collaborative Summer Grant (with Chikara Saito)
- 2009 Hope CrossRoads Faculty-Student Summer Research Grant (with Andrew Peterson)
- 2009 Hope College Nyenhuis Student-Faculty Collaborative Summer Grant (with Mike Bertrand)
- 2008 Hope College Nyenhuis Student-Faculty Collaborative Summer Grant (with Robin Litscher)
- 2007 Hope CrossRoads Faculty-Student Summer Research Grant (with Nick Engel)
- 2005 Nominee, Purdue University Department of Philosophy, for Council of Graduate Schools/University Microfilms International Distinguished Dissertation Award (award given on a two-year cycle).
- 2004 Nominee, Purdue University Graduate School Excellence in Teaching Award (one of two endorsed by the School of Liberal Arts).
- 2004 Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher, Philosophy Department, Purdue University, 2003-2004.
- 2003 Summer Research Fellowship, Hong Kierkegaard Library (St. Olaf College).
- 2003 Purdue Research Foundation Summer Fellowship.
- 2003 Purdue Graduate Student Government Travel Grant.
- 2001-2003 Purdue Philosophy Department Graduate Student Representative.
- 2000 Phi Beta Kappa, Hope College
- 2000 American Bible Society Award, Hope College
- 1997-2000 Van Ess Scholarships, Religion Department, Hope College

Grants, honors, and awards, continued:

1996-2000 Charles E. Lake Prizes in Ancient Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, Philosophical Promise as a Junior Student, and Philosophical Promise as a Senior Student, Hope College.