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Country of Birth: United Kingdom

Education

2003-2005 University College London (University of London): **MSc**
Theoretical Psychoanalytic Studies, Distinction.

1990-1994 King's College London (University of London): **PhD**
Thesis: "Wittgenstein, Frazer and Religion."

1987-1990 King's College London (University of London): **BA**
Religious Studies, First Class Honours

Current Position

September 2007-present: Professor of Philosophy and A. Vassiliadis Director of the Humanities Center, University of San Diego.

Previous Academic Positions

September 2004-August 2007: Lecturer in Liberal Arts and Assistant Director of Senior Courses, St Clare's, Oxford.

September 1996-August 2004: Tutor in Philosophy, St Clare's, Oxford.

1995-1996: Lecturer in Philosophy (p/t), Heythrop College, University of London.

1994-1996: Tutor in Philosophical and Systematic Theology (p/t), University of Birmingham.

Awards

- University Professorship (University of San Diego), 2016-2017.
- First Shelford Prize for History and Philosophy of Religion (King's College London), 1990.
- Betty Wood Prize (King's College, London), 1990.

Publications

Books:

- *Edmund Burke, Reflections on the Revolution in France: An Abridgement with Supporting Texts* (Editor), Peterborough, Ontario: Broadview Editions, forthcoming in 2021.
- *The Philosophy of Religion: A Critical Introduction* (3rd edition) (with Beverley Clack), Cambridge & Malden: Polity Press, 2019.
- *Philosophy and the Human Condition* (co-edited with Tyler Hower), Oxford & New York: Oxford University Press, 2018.
- *Love, Drugs, Art, Religion: The Pains and Consolations of Existence*, Aldershot: Ashgate, 2014.
- *The Philosophy of Religion: A Critical Introduction (Revised and Fully Expanded Second Edition)* (with Beverley Clack), Cambridge & Malden: Polity Press, 2008.
- *Wittgenstein, Frazer and Religion*, Basingstoke & London: Macmillan, 1999.

- *An Introduction to Wittgenstein's Philosophy of Religion*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 1999 (translated into Korean and published by Seokwangsa Publishing Co., 2015).
- *The Philosophy of Religion: A Critical Introduction* (with Beverley Clack), Oxford: Polity Press, 1998.

Articles:

- 'Wittgenstein', in R. Douglas Geivett & Robert B. Stewart (eds.), *The Wiley-Blackwell Dictionary of Christian Apologists and their Critics*, Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming in 2021.
- 'Wittgenstein, Ritual, and "St Augustine's Attitude to Sex"', in John Doody, Alexander R. Eodice, and Kim Paffenroth (eds.), *Augustine and Wittgenstein*, Lanham: Lexington Books, 2018, pp.75-94.
- 'Wittgenstein and Anthropology', in Hans-Johann Glock & John Hyman (eds.), *The Blackwell Companion to Wittgenstein*, Oxford: John Wiley & Sons, 2017, pp.627-638.
- 'Wittgenstein and the Peculiarities of Religious Belief', in Mark Bevir & Andrius Galisanka (eds.), *Ludwig Wittgenstein and Normative Inquiry*, Leiden: Brill, 2016, pp.192-216.
- 'Belief/s', in Robert Segal & Kocku von Stuckrad (eds.), *Vocabulary for the Study of Religion*, Leiden: Brill, 2015, Volume 1, pp.168-173.
- 'Love, Suffering and Conflict: Some Lessons from Freud's *Civilization and Its Discontents*', *Eye Magazine*, issue 7, 2015, pp.27-31.
- 'Religious Belief and the Disregard of Reality', in Joseph Carlisle, James Carter & Daniel Whistler (eds.), *Moral Powers, Fragile Beliefs*, New York & London: Continuum, 2011, pp.261-288.
- 'Cannabis and the Human Condition', in Dale Jacquette (ed), *Cannabis and Philosophy*, Oxford: Blackwell, 2010, pp.90-99
- 'Freud and Religion: Wishes, Illusions and the Oedipus Complex', *Dialogue*, issue 31, November 2008, pp.13-17.
- "'At Home in the Uncanny": Freud's Account of *das Unheimliche* in the Context of his Theory of Religious Belief', *Religion*, vol.38 no.3, 2008, pp.250-258.
- 'Freud and Religion: Dreams, Slips and the Unconscious', *Dialogue*, issue 30, April 2008, pp.13-19.
- 'The Philosophy of Religion in an Age of Terror: What is to be Done?', *Religion Compass Exchanges*, 2008.
- 'Postscript' (to Cyril Barrett's 'The Wittgensteinian Revolution'), in Harriet Harris & Christopher Insole (eds.), *Faith and Philosophical Analysis*, Aldershot: Ashgate, 2005, pp.71-75.
- 'Scapegoat Rituals in Wittgensteinian Perspective', in Kevin Schilbrack (ed.), *Thinking through Rituals: Philosophical Perspectives*, London: Routledge, 2004, pp.97-112.
- 'Paley's Happy Fish: The Design Argument and Theistic Belief', *Dialogue*, issue 21, November 2003, pp.3-7.
- 'Response to Phillips', *Religious Studies*, vol.39 no.2, July 2003, pp.203-209.
- 'Nietzsche', 'Scapegoat' & 'Wittgenstein', in J. L. Houlden (ed.), *Jesus in History, Thought, and Culture: An Encyclopedia*, Oxford: ABC-Clío, 2003, pp.656-658, 752-755, 885-887.
- 'Wittgenstein and Magic', in Robert Arrington & Mark Addis (eds.), *Wittgenstein and Philosophy of Religion*, London: Routledge, 2001, pp.12-28.

- ‘Wittgenstein and Expressive Theories of Religion’, *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* vol.40 no.1, 1996, pp.47-61.
- ‘D. Z. Phillips, Wittgenstein and Religion’, *Religious Studies* vol.31 no.1, 1995, pp.111-120.

Anthologized Articles:

- ‘What is Religion?’ (from *The Philosophy of Religion: A Critical Introduction*), in Steven M. Cahn, (ed.) *Exploring Philosophy of Religion: An Introductory Anthology*, New York & Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016, pp.3-7.

Reviews:

- Ludwig Wittgenstein, *Lecture on Ethics* (*British Wittgenstein Society Online Book Reviews*, 2015).
- Thomas D. Carroll, *Wittgenstein Within the Philosophy of Religion* (*Sophia*, vol.54, no.1, 2015, pp.107-109); Carroll’s response article – “Response to Brian R. Clack” – appeared in *Sophia*, vol.54, no.3, 2015, pp.381-383.
- Mikel Burley, *Contemplating Religious Forms of Life: Wittgenstein and D. Z. Phillips* (*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2013).
- Earl Stanley Fronda, *Wittgenstein’s (Misunderstood) Religious Thought* (*Religious Studies*, vol.48, no. 1, 2012, pp.269-273).
- Luigi Perissinotto & Vicente Sanfelix (eds), *Doubt, Ethics and Religion: Wittgenstein and the Counter-Enlightenment* (*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2011).
- M. W. F. Stone (ed.), *Reason, Faith and History: Philosophical Essays for Paul Helm* (*Modern Believing*, vol.52 no.4, 2011, pp.71-72).
- Charles Taliaferro & Chad Meister (eds.), *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Philosophical Theology* (*Theology*, vol.CXIII no.876, 2010, pp.466-467).
- Linda Zagzebski, *Philosophy of Religion: An Historical Introduction* (*Ars Disputandi*, vol.10, 2010).
- Terrance Klein, *Wittgenstein and the Metaphysics of Grace* (*Theology*, vol.CXII no.866, 2009, pp.155-156).
- T. J. Mawson, *Belief in God* (*Ars Disputandi* vol.6, 2006).
- Andrew Dole & Andrew Chignell (eds), *God and the Ethics of Belief* (*Ars Disputandi* vol.6, 2006).
- D. Z. Phillips & Mario von der Ruhr (eds), *Religion and Wittgenstein’s Legacy* (*Ars Disputandi* vol.5, 2005).
- William Lad Sessions, *Reading Hume’s Dialogues* (*Expository Times* vol.115 no.7, 2004, p.247).
- Robert Gibbs & Elliot Wolfson, *Suffering Religion* (*Expository Times* vol.115 no.5, 2004, pp.177-178).
- Giles Fraser, *Redeeming Nietzsche* (*Theology*, vol.CVI, 2003), pp.442-443).
- Gwen Griffith-Dickson, *Human and Divine* (*Theology*, vol.CV, pp.61-62).
- Eugene Rogers (ed.), *Theology and Sexuality* (*Expository Times* vol.114 no.3, 2002, pp.103-104).
- Philip Clayton, *The Problem of God in Modern Thought* (*Expository Times*, vol.112 no.10, 2001, p.355).
- D. Z. Phillips, *Recovering Religious Concepts* (*Theology* vol.CIV no.818, 2001, pp.141-142).
- R. J. Hollingdale, *Nietzsche: The Man and his Philosophy* and Alistair Kee, *Nietzsche Against the Crucified* (*Expository Times* vol.111 no.9, 2000, p.317).
- Keith Yandell, *Philosophy of Religion: A Contemporary Introduction* (*Expository Times* vol.111 no.1, 1999, p.34).
- Brian Davies (ed.), *Philosophy of Religion: A Guide to the Subject* (*Modern Believing*, 1999, pp.73-74).

- Marcel Lieberman, *Commitment, Value and Moral Realism* (*Expository Times* vol.110 no.8, p.268).
- Thomas Best & Martin Robra (eds), *Ecclesiology and Ethics* and Reinhard Hutter & Theodor Dieter (eds), *Ecumenical Ventures in Ethics* (*Expository Times* vol.110 no.2, 1999, p.62).
- Michael Palmer, *Freud and Jung on Religion* (*Religious Studies* vol.34 no.3, 1998, pp.353-354).
- Douglas Davies with Clare Drury, *Themes and Issues in Christianity* (*Expository Times* vol.109 no.8, 1998, pp.248-249).
- D .Z. Phillips (ed.), *Rush Rhees on Religion and Philosophy* (*Modern Believing* 1998, pp.66-67).
- Graham Harvey & Charlotte Hardman (eds), *Paganism Today* (*Reviews in Religion and Theology* 1996/4, pp.97-98).
- Dinesh Bhugra (ed), *Psychiatry and Religion* (*Reviews in Religion and Theology* 1996/3, pp.95-96).
- Richard Worsley, *Human Freedom and the Logic of Evil* (*Reviews in Religion and Theology* 1996/3, pp.43-46).
- Cyril Barrett, *Wittgenstein on Ethics and Religious Belief* (*Religious Studies* vol.31 no.4, 1992, pp.577-579).
- Donald Wiebe, *The Irony of Theology and the Nature of Religious Thought* (*Religious Studies* vol.31 no.1, 1992, pp.120-122).
- 'Book Notes' in *Religious Studies*, vols.30-33, 1994-1997.

Principal University & College Service

2019-2020: Member of the Dean's Advisory Council on College Guiding Principles
 2018-present: Member of the Military Program Advisory Board
 2017-2018: Member of the Departmental Interview Committee for PPE hire.
 2016-2017: Member of Dean's Advisory Council on ARRT.
 2016-2017: Member of the Departmental Interview Committee for Philosophy of Race hire.
 2016: Member of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee's "Liberal Education for the 21st Century" Working Group.
 2015-2017: Member of the Area Task Force on Literary Inquiry.
 2015-2016: Chair of the ARRT Committee.
 2015-2016: Member of the Departmental Interview Committee for Philosophy of Language hire.
 2015-2016: Member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Public Art.
 2014-2015: Member of the ARRT Committee.
 2014-2015: Chair of the Dean's Advisory Council on the Advancement of the Liberal Arts.
 2014-2015: Member of the Departmental Interview Committee for Medieval Philosophy and Aesthetics hires.
 2013-2014: Member of the Dean's Advisory Council on the Four Criteria.
 2011-present: Member of the Interdisciplinary Humanities Advisory Board.
 2008-2013: Member of the Health Sciences Student Evaluation Committee.

