

CURRICULUM VITAE
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in philosophy, Saint Louis University	2005
M.A. in philosophy, Baylor University	1995
B.A. in English and philosophy (special honors), The University of Texas at Austin	1993
Amarillo College	1988–90

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

Director, Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University	2008–23
Vice President for University Mission, Baylor University	2016–19
Associate Director, Institute for Faith and Learning	2006–08

FACULTY AND INSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS

Senior Fellow, Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University	2023–
Clinical Professor of Moral Philosophy in the Honors Program, Baylor University	2020–
Clinical Associate Professor of Moral Philosophy in the Honors Program, Baylor University	2016–20
Assistant Professor of Christian Philosophy and Ethics, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University	2013–16
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Baylor University	2009–13
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, St. Norbert College	2005–06
Faculty, Master of Theological Studies, St. Norbert College	2005–06
Instructor of Philosophy, St. Norbert College	2002–05
Visiting Research Scholar, Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture	2001
Adjunct Instructor of English and Philosophy, Amarillo College	1995–97

ACADEMIC HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS. FELLOWSHIPS

Mortar Board Circle of Achievement (teaching and service award), Baylor University (2013); James D. Collins Award, Saint Louis University (2001); Alpha Sigma Nu, Jesuit Honor Society (inducted 2001); University Dissertation Fellowship, Saint Louis University (2001–02); SLU 2000 Graduate

Fellowship, Saint Louis University (2000–01); W.J. Kilgore Fellowship in Philosophy, Baylor University (1994–95); Eldon Durrett Memorial Scholarship (1990–92)

GRANTS RECEIVED AND DIRECTED

Principal investigator, Soundings Project Lilly Endowment Inc. <i>Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose Initiative</i>	\$1,500,000.
Project director, Soundings Project planning grant, Lilly Endowment Inc. <i>Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose Initiative</i>	\$50,000.
Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) in conjunction with 2011 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture: “Educating for Wisdom in the 21 st Century University”	\$3,110.

PUBLICATIONS ([citations](#))

BOOKS (as editor and co-author)

[Educating for Wisdom in the 21st Century](#). St. Augustine’s Press, 2019.

Reviews in: [Christian Higher Education, 19:3 \(2019\) 227-229](#)
[First Things \(March 2021\)](#)

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“[Spiritual Rescue](#),” *Journal of Moral Theology*, 10:1 (2021) 149-57.

“[Seeking the Common Good by Educating for Wisdom](#),” *Christian Scholar’s Review*, 49:4 (Summer 2020) 343-53.

“The University in Crisis and the Ways of Wisdom,” in [Educating for Wisdom in the 21st Century](#), Darin H. Davis, ed. St. Augustine’s Press (2019) 26-41.

“Toward a Vision of Vocation,” in [Christian Faith and University Life: Stewards of the Academy](#). T. Laine Scales and Jennifer L. Howell, eds., Palgrave MacMillan (2018) 19–31.

“Educating the Whole Person: Whose Narrative, Which Curriculum?” (with Michael Beaty and Todd Buras) in *Whole Person Education: Sino-West Dialogue*, Wu Youneng, ed., National Taiwan Normal University Press (2017) 38–57.

“[Educating Lives for Christian Wisdom](#),” (with Paul J. Wadell), *International Journal of Christianity and Education* 20:2 (July 2016) 90–105.

[“Mutual Correction,”](#) *Christian Reflection* 51 (2014) 57–64.

[“Schooling the Young into Goodness,”](#) (with Paul J. Wadell) *Christian Reflection* 31 (2009) 35–45.

“Tracking the Toxins of Acedia: Re-envisioning Moral Education,” (with Paul J. Wadell), in [The Schooled Heart: Moral Formation and American Higher Education](#), Michael D. Beaty and Douglas V. Henry, eds., Baylor University Press (2007) 133–56.

[“Conceptual Gerrymandering? The Alignment of Hursthouse’s Naturalistic Virtue Ethics with Neo-Kantian Non-Naturalism”](#) (with William Rehg) *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 41:4 (Winter 2003) 583–600.

[“Churchland’s Moral Vision,”](#) *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 73:4 (Autumn 1999) 555–69.

EDITORIAL ESSAYS

[“The Character of the University,”](#) *International Journal of Christianity and Education*, 25:1 (March 2021) 3-5.

[“Faith Animating Learning,”](#) *International Journal of Christianity and Education*, 21:2 (July 2017) 91–94.

[“Faith, Learning, and Education for Wisdom,”](#) *The Wheatley Observer* 5:1 (Winter 2016) 9–16.

EDITED JOURNAL ISSUES

[The Character of the University](#), special issue of *International Journal of Christianity and Education*, 25:1 (March 2021).

PRESENTATIONS TO ACADEMIC/LEARNED AUDIENCES

“Lost and Found, Reason and Faith” invited lecture, Gregorian Scholars Honors Program, University of Mary (September 2021)

“Educating for Wisdom and the Common Good,” invited paper, “Public Intellectuals and the Common Good: Opportunities for Evangelical Scholars,” Lumen Research Institute/Sagamore Institute (September 2019)

“A Conversation on Faith Based Education,” as featured guest, Wheatley Institution, Brigham Young University (July 2018)

“The Significance of Christian Higher Education,” Christian Higher Education Leadership Seminar, Baylor University (May 2018)

“Thomas Aquinas on Baptism of Desire: A Response to Jennifer Hart-Weed,” invited response, 2018 Henle Conference “Scholarship and Stewardship: A Conference in Honor of Fr. Theodore Vitali, C.P.,” Saint Louis University (March 2018)

“[Faith, Learning, and Educating for Wisdom](#),” invited lecture, Wheatley Institution, Brigham Young University (October 2015)

“Rescuing Friends,” invited lecture, Department of Philosophy, Brigham Young University (October 2015)

“Educating for Wisdom: A Modest Proposal,” Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers Biennial Conference, Baylor University (October 2014)

“The Practices of Vocation,” invited lecture delivered to the faculty and student life leadership at Lubbock Christian University (May 2013)

“The Quest for Wisdom: Educating for the Called Life,” with Paul J. Wadell, invited presentation, 2013 NetVUE Conference, Council of Independent Colleges (March 2013)

“The Way of Wisdom: Philosophical Explorations,” a series of three invited lectures (with David Lyle Jeffrey), Annual Scholars’ Retreat, Laity Lodge, Laity Renewal Foundation (July 2012)

“Philosophy and the Christian World View,” a series of three invited lectures, LOGOS Summer Institute, Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University (June 2012)

“Secular Humanism, Wisdom, and the Christian University,” with Todd Buras, Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture (November 2011)

“Secular Humanism, Wisdom, and the Christian University,” with Michael Beaty and Todd Buras, 2011 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture: Educating for Wisdom in the 21st Century University (October 2011)

“Educating for Wisdom and the Christian University,” invited lecture to faculty of Oklahoma Baptist University (April 2011)

“The Vocation of Befriending the Other,” Invited Response to Eboo Patel’s “Acts of Faith: Exploring Vocation through Interfaith Cooperation,” Closing Plenary Session, NetVUE Conference, Council of Independent Colleges (March 2011)

“Reconsidering Moral Particularism through Iris Murdoch,” Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers Biennial Conference, Ouachita Baptist University (October 2008)

“Murdoch, Particularity, and the Good,” Fourth International Iris Murdoch Conference, Kingston University, London (September 2008)

“On Keeping Things Complicated: Ethics After Modernity,” Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture (December 2006)

“The Message of Waking Life,” Killeen Chair in Theology and Philosophy, St. Norbert College (April 2005)

“The Moral and the Aesthetic,” Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture (November 2004)

“The Moral Life as a Quest for Goodness: Why Hope, Courage, and Perseverance Matter,” with Paul J. Wadell, Pruitt Memorial Symposium, Baylor University (October 2003)

“Moral Particularism and Moral Reform,” Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture (September 2002)

“Normativity in Naturalized Ethics,” with William Rehg, Philosophical Collaborations Conference on “The Natural and the Normal,” Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (March 2001)

“Taylor, MacIntyre, and the University,” Society of Christian Philosophers Midwest Regional Meeting, Baylor University (March 2000)

“Churchland’s Moral Vision,” Saint Louis University (October 1998); Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (September 1998)

OTHER SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (including talks to students; faculty and staff development presentations; foundation and congregational audiences; and chapel sermons)

“On Callings and Wisdom,” Religion and Public Life, Baylor in Washington (July 2023)

“Faith for the Road Ahead,” two sermons delivered to Pre-Health Students Chapel, Earle Hall, Baylor University (August 2022)

“Faith, Learning, and Being Called,” Summer Faculty Institute, Baylor University (June 2022)

“Becoming Friends,” eight presentations delivered to more than 2500 incoming students at Baylor Line Camp (June–July 2022)

“Returning to Where We Began,” Soundings Project Retreat, an initiative of Baylor University and Lilly Endowment Inc., Laity Lodge (February 2022)

“Faith,” two sermons delivered to Pre-Health Students Chapel, Earle Hall, Baylor University (August 2021)

“Hearing the Call of Wisdom,” New Faculty Orientation, Baylor University (August 2021)

“Becoming Friends,” ten presentations delivered to more than 2750 incoming students at Baylor Line Camp (June–July 2021)

“Faith and Learning at Baylor,” Summer Faculty Institute, Baylor University (June 2021)

“Some Fools Never Learn,” Honors Residential College Formation Series, Baylor University (February 2021)

“Educating for Wisdom in the Midst of a Pandemic,” New Faculty Orientation, Baylor University (August 2020)

“Why the University Needs the Church,” Soundings Project Retreat, an initiative of Baylor University and Lilly Endowment Inc., Laity Lodge (January 2020)

“Friendship, Love, and Marriage,” panelist, Honors Residential College Formation Series, Baylor University (November 2019)

“Character Formation at Baylor,” Summer Faculty Institute, Baylor University (June 2018)

“Welcome to Baylor,” three presentations delivered during New Student Orientation, Baylor University (June 2018)

“Community is Good, but Friendship is Better,” eight presentations delivered to more than 2500 incoming students at Baylor Line Camp (June–July 2018)

“Friendship, Spiritual Rescue, and Presence,” Crane Scholars Retreat, Baylor University, (March 2018)

“After Singing a Hymn,” homily for Center for Christian Music Studies Advisory Board, Baylor University (February 2018)

“Friendship and the Christian Life,” two invited lectures, Laity Lodge, H.E. Butt Family Foundation (November 2017)

“Friendship as a Spiritual Practice,” Baylor Wellbeing Conference (October 2017)

“Abiding Friendship,” a sermon in University Chapel, Baylor University (October 2017)

“Spiritual Life and Character Formation at Baylor,” Baylor Alumni Network Board of Advocates (September 2017)

“Remembering Jean Bethke Elshtain,” Institute for Studies of Religion Memorial Symposium for Jean Bethke Elshtain, Baylor University (March 2017)

“Character Formation and Spiritual Life at Baylor,” State of the University, Baylor University (April 2017)

“Your Time at Baylor,” Welcome Week, Baylor University (January 2017)

“Calling and Community,” Student Life Professional Development, Baylor University (February 2016)

“How Can Faith Animate All We Do?” invited presentation, H.E. Butt Family Foundation, (February 2016)

“C.S. Lewis, Moral Virtue, and the Inner Ring,” invited panelist, Baylor Alumni Network, Seattle (February 2016)

“Truth, Charity, and Baylor’s Future,” Council of Dean’s Retreat, Baylor University (August 2015)

“Faith, Learning, and Baylor’s Future,” Academic Leadership Conference for President’s Executive Council, Baylor University (June 2015)

“Lord, Are You Looking at Me?,” sermon for Community Worship, Truett Seminary, Baylor University (March 2015)

“C.S. Lewis and Contemporary Culture,” panelist, Baylor Alumni Network, Nashville (January 2015)

“The Gift and Necessity of Friendship,” invited lecture, Honors College Colloquium, Baylor University (November 2014)

“C.S. Lewis on the Moral Life,” panelist, Baylor Alumni Network, Waco (November 2014)

“Love and Friendship in the Digital Age,” panelist, Honors College Homecoming Lecture, Baylor University (October 2014)

“From Community Building to Befriending” and “Spiritual Mentoring,” two presentations for Student Life leadership retreat, Baylor University (August 2014)

“Ash Wednesday,” homily for University Ash Wednesday Service, Baylor University (March 2014)

“Rethinking Civility in a University Context,” Academy for Teaching and Learning, Baylor University (February 2014)

“Educating for Wisdom: Christian Pedagogy and the Practices of Teaching,” (with Jason Whitt), Graduate Student Association and Office of Spiritual Life, Baylor University (November 2012)

“Faith, Learning, the Church, and the University,” address to Waco Regional Baptist Association Pastors’ Conference (May 2012)

“Teaching as an Act of Charity,” Graduate Student Association and Office of Spiritual Life, Baylor University (November 2011)

MEDIA INTERVIEWS, COLUMNS, CONTRIBUTIONS, PODCASTS

“[Faith and Learning](#),” *Professors Talk Pedagogy*, Academy for Teaching and Learning, Baylor University (April 30, 2021)

[“Sharing common challenges inspires hope,”](#) *Baptist Standard* (February 19, 2020)

[“Baylor helps churches explore vocation and calling,”](#) *Baptist Standard* (January 4, 2019)

[“In Good Faith,”](#) BYUradio (July 2018)

[“Baylor task force on spiritual life and character formation starts work,”](#) *Baptist Standard* (July 7, 2016)

“Can our faith-based entities truly innovate for public good anymore?” guest column with L. Gregory Jones, *Waco Tribune-Herald* (December 6, 2015)

“Acedia or Sloth—A Medieval Deadly Sin Still Haunting Us Today,” on “Thinking Aloud,” BYUradio (November 2015)

SERVICE TO NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Board, Lilly Network for Church-Related Colleges and Universities	2020-24
Campus Representative, Lilly Network for Church-Related Colleges and Universities	2010–24
Campus Representative, Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education	2009–24
Advisory Board Member, <i>Christian Scholar’s Review</i>	2008–23

EDITORIAL BOARD/JOURNAL REVIEW

Regional Editor, <i>International Journal of Christianity and Education</i>	2014–24
Juror, Charles J. Miller Christian Scholar’s Award	2012, 2014

PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

Director, William Carey Crane Scholars Program	2006–22
Sophomore Cohort Leader (2007–12; 2020-21);	
Senior Cohort Leader (2012–17; 2021-22)	
Founding Co-director, A.J. Conyers Graduate Scholars Program:	2010–17
Cohort Leader (2011–14)	
Director, Baylor Young Scholars Program	2016–20

TASK FORCES, COMMITTEES, AND OTHER SERVICE

Presidential Task Force on Spiritual Wellbeing	2022-23
University Scholars’ Director Search Committee	2021
Advisory Board Member, Honors Residential College	2019-
Faculty Mentor, Honors Residential College	2019-
Convener, University Mission Leadership Group	2018–19
Spiritual Growth and Athletics Advisory Group	2018–19
Co-chair, University Task Force on Spiritual Life and Character Formation	2016-17
Honors College Committee on Spiritual Life and Character Formation	2016–17
Admissions Committee, Truett Seminary	2014–16

Committee on Scholarship, Research, and Lectures, Truett Seminary	2014–16
Baylor Interdisciplinary Poverty Initiative Faculty Advisory Committee	2010–14
University Commencement Marshall	2010–18
First-Year Experience Committee	2008–09

SERVICE ON DISSERTATION AND THESIS COMMITTEES

Dissertation Reader: Adam Pelsler (Philosophy, 2011); Sean Riley (Philosophy, 2011); Joel Schwartz (Philosophy, 2012); Keeho Kim (2012, Church-State Studies); Heidi Chamberlin (Philosophy, 2013); David Echelbarger (co-chair with Thomas Hibbs, Philosophy, 2014); Nate Jackson (Philosophy, 2014); Lindsey Trozzo (Religion, 2016); Caroline Pollard (Curriculum and Instruction, 2018); Alina Beary (Philosophy, 2018); Emmanuel Roldan (chair, D.Min., Truett Seminary, 2023)

Master’s Thesis Reader: Danielle Creider (Music, 2013); Erin Ellis (Educational Leadership, 2014); Cara Allen (Educational Leadership, 2015)

Honors Thesis Reader: Scott Milam (University Scholar, 2007); Anne Langhorne (University Scholar, 2010); Becka Bovio (English, 2011); Paul Baumgardner (University Scholar, 2012); Ben Faus (University Scholar, 2012); Kelsey Jones (University Scholar, 2012); Kevin Burns (University Scholar, 2014); Brandon Walker (Philosophy, 2014); Alice Knaeble (director, University Scholar, 2017); Callie Walker (University Scholar, 2017); Emmy Edwards (University Scholar, 2017); Emily Neel (Honors Program, 2017); Rose Brugger (University Scholar, 2018); Libby Feray (University Scholar, 2020); Zara Kintz (University Scholar, 2020); Zachary Speciale (Medical Humanities, 2020); Lauren Ketchum (History/Political Science, 2021); Kate Rojasles (Chemistry, 2022); Annalise Bond (Communication Sciences and Disorders, 2022); Daniel Beck (University Scholar, 2022); Emmett Evans (director, Health and Science Studies, 2023); Caroline Barnett (University Scholar, 2023)

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES PLANNED AND DIRECTED

[*Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture*](#) (2007–23), an annual interdisciplinary academic conference convened by the Institute for Faith and Learning; 7000+ participants from 600+ institutions. Themes included: Friendship (2007), Bottom-up Approaches to Global Poverty (2008), Secularization and Revival (2009), Human Dignity and the Future of Health Care (2010), Educating for Wisdom in the 21st Century (2011), Technology and Human Flourishing (2012), Kierkegaard (2013), Faith and Film (2014), The Spirit of Sports (2015), Higher Learning (2016), The Bible and the Reformation (2017), Stewardship of Creation (2018), The Character of the University (2019), Living Accountably (2021), Art Seeking Understanding (2022), and Called Together in an Age of Discord (2023).

Lilly Fellows Program Conferences: “The Character of the University,” 29th Annual National Conference of the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and Arts National Conference, Baylor University, October 18-20, 2019

“What Real Friends Are For: Goodness, Vocation, and the Quest for Happiness,” Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and Arts Regional Undergraduate Conference, Baylor University, February 22–24, 2007

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Board of Trustees, Vanguard College Preparatory School (2021-)

January 2024