

Curriculum Vitae

Chad Meister

Department of Religion and Philosophy

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Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysics, Theology of Religion

Areas of Competence

Eastern Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy

Academic Appointments

Bethel College, 1998-present

- ~ Professor of Philosophy and Theology, 2015-present
- ~ Professor of Philosophy, 2009-2015
- ~ Associate Professor and Director of Philosophy, 2006-2009
- ~ Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2002-2006
- ~ Associate Faculty in Philosophy, 1998-2002

University of Oxford, Visiting Research Scholar, Trinity Term, 2015

University of Birmingham, UK, William Paton Fellow for Global Philosophy of Religion, Fall Term, 2015

Marquette University, Philosophy Instructor, 1996-1998

Trinity College, Philosophy Instructor, 1994-1998

Education

Marquette University, Ph.D. with honors in Philosophy, 2002

Trinity Divinity School, M.A. with honors in Christian Thought/Philosophy of Religion, 1993

ITT Technical Institute, B.A.S. with honors in Automated Manufacturing Technology, 1986

Fellowships, Grants, Awards

William Paton Fellow for Global Philosophy of Religion, John Hick Centre for Philosophy of Religion, University of Birmingham, 2015

Visiting Research Scholar, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, University of Oxford, 2015

Sabbatical, Bethel College, 2015

Lilly Endowment and Bethel College Summer Research Grant, 2015

Analytic Theology Award, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame, 2012

Lilly Endowment and Bethel College Summer Research Grant, 2012

Professor of the Year Award for Teaching Excellence, Bethel College, 2009

Lilly Endowment and Bethel College Summer Research Grant, 2008

Sabbatical, Bethel College, 2007

Tenure, Bethel College, 2007

Lilly Endowment and Bethel College First Book Writing and Research Grant, 2005-2006

Bethel Scholars' Grant for Research, 2004

Teaching Assistantships, Marquette University, 1996-1998

Research Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities: “Distance Learning: Strategies for Teaching Ancient and Medieval Languages,” 1996
Research Assistantships, Marquette University, 1995-1996

Representative Publications

Books

Evil: A Guide for the Perplexed, 2nd edition (Bloomsbury, forthcoming 2018; first edition 2011)

The History of Evil in six volumes, general co-edited with Charles Taliaferro, *Evil in Antiquity* (volume one); *Evil in the Middle Ages* (volume two); *Evil in the Early Modern Age* (volume three); *Evil in the 18th and 19th Centuries* (volume four); *Evil in the Early 20th Century* (volume five); *Evil from the Mid-20th Century to Today* (volume six) (Routledge, forthcoming 2018)

Cambridge Studies in Religion, Philosophy, and Society, ongoing book series, general co-editor with Paul K. Moser (Cambridge University Press, 2014-present; five books published and thirty-five currently in the queue)

The Cambridge Companion to the Problem of Evil, co-edited with Paul K. Moser (Cambridge University Press, 2017)

God and the Problem of Evil: Five Views, co-edited with James K. Dew, Jr. (IVP, 2017)

Investigating Philosophy of Religion, book series, general co-editor with Charles Taliaferro (Routledge, two volumes published and seven additional volumes in the queue)

Contemporary Philosophical Theology, co-authored with Charles Taliaferro (Routledge, 2016)

Christian Thought: A Historical Introduction, 2nd edition, co-authored with J. B. Stump (Routledge, 2016; first edition 2010)

Philosophy of Religion (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014)

Debating Christian Theism, co-edited with J. P. Moreland and Khaldoun Sweis (Oxford University Press, 2013)

God and Evil, co-edited with James K. Dew, Jr. (IVP, 2013)

The Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Religion, 2nd edition, co-edited with Paul Copan (Routledge, 2012; first edition 2007)

The Oxford Handbook of Religious Diversity (Oxford University Press, 2010)

The Cambridge Companion to Christian Philosophical Theology, co-edited with Charles Taliaferro (Cambridge University Press, 2010)

Introducing Philosophy of Religion (Routledge, 2009)

The Philosophy of Religion Reader (Routledge, 2008)

Philosophy of Religion: Classic and Contemporary Issues, co-edited with Paul Copan (Blackwell, 2008)

Articles, Chapters in Books, Reviews

“Christianity” in the *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*, co-edited by Stewart Goetz and Charles Taliaferro (Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming 2018)

“Ancient and Contemporary Expressions of Panentheism” 2017 *Philosophy Compass*, Volume 12, Issue 9

“Rethinking the Trinity: On Being Orthodox and Au Courant,” 2017 *Philosophia Christi*, Vol. 18, No.2

“The Cases For and Against Postdeath Survival,” in *Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks: Philosophy*, edited by Donald Borchert (Macmillan/Cengage, 2017)

“Religious Diversity” in *Dialogue* (Summer 2017)

“Panentheism,” “Charles Hartshorne,” “Philip Clayton,” “Dualism,” “Theodicy,” and “The Existence of God,” in *The Zondervan Dictionary of Christianity and Science*, co-edited by Tremper Longman, Paul Copan, and Chris Reese (HarperCollins, Zondervan, 2017)

“Evil,” in *Vocabulary for the Study of Religion*, co-edited by Robert Segal and Kocku von Stuckrad (E. J. Brill, 2015)

“God and Evil,” in *Debating Christian Theism*, co-edited by J. P. Moreland, Khaldoun Sweis, and Chad Meister (Oxford University Press, 2013)

“The Problem of Evil,” in *Dialogue* (Fall 2013)

Review of *Religion for Atheists: A Non-Believer’s Guide to the Uses of Religion* by Alain de Botton (Random House, 2012), in *Christian Research Journal* (Fall 2013)

“Philosophy of Religion,” in *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2012)

“Death and the Afterlife,” in *The Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Religion*, 2nd edition, co-edited by Chad Meister and Paul Copan (Routledge, 2012)

Review of *The Elusive God: Reorienting Religious Epistemology* by Paul K. Moser (Cambridge University Press, 2008), in *Faith and Philosophy* 29:1 (Jan. 2012)

“Theism in 21st Century Intellectual Life,” in *The Routledge Companion to Theism*, co-edited by Charles Taliaferro, Stewart Goetz, and Victoria Harrison (Routledge, 2012)

“The Problem of Evil,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Philosophical Theology*, co-edited by Charles Taliaferro and Chad Meister (Cambridge University Press, 2010)

“Panentheism” and “The Four Noble Truths,” in *The Baker Dictionary of World Religions*, edited by H. Wayne House (Baker Academic, 2010)

“Philosophy of Religion,” in *The Routledge Companion to the Study of Religion*, 2nd edition, edited by John Hinnells (Routledge, 2009)

“Philosophy of Religion,” in *The World’s Religions: Continuities and Transformations*, edited by Peter Clarke and Peter Beyer (Routledge, 2009)

“God, Evil, and Freedom of the Will: Parts I and II,” feature article in *Christian Research Journal* (Fall 2007)

Review of *Christian Philosophical Theology* by Stephen T. Davis (Oxford University Press, 2007) in *Religious Studies* (Fall 2007)

Representative Lectures

“Integrative Personalistic Theism and a Problem of Evil,” Bethel College Colloquium, March 28, 2017

“Religious Diversity and Interfaith Spirituality,” Saint Mary’s College lectures, March 2, 2017

“Integrative Theism and the Argument from Neglect: A Response to a New Version of the Problem of Evil,” EPS National Conference, San Antonio, November 2016

“Christ and the Cosmos: An Analysis of Keith Ward’s Reformulation of Trinitarian Doctrine,” ETS National Conference, San Antonio, November 2016

“Divine Action and the Problem of Neglect: A Response to a Recent Argument against Personalistic Theism,” The D Society, Clare Hall College, University of Cambridge, November 27, 2015

“Response to a Recent Argument against Personalistic Theism: Insights from Vishistadvaita Vedanta,” Heythrop College, University of London, October 29, 2015

“The Problem of Neglect and the Not-Even-Once Principle: On Addressing a Recent Challenge to Personalistic Theism,” The Joseph Butler Society, Oriel College, University of Oxford, October 26, 2015

“The Influence of Ramanuja on Contemporary Hindu Thought,” Hindu Society of Birmingham, for the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, University of Oxford, June 2015

“Divine Hiddenness, Revealed Christ: The Elusive yet Manifest God in Faith and History,” Keynote Lecture, EPS Regional Conference, Grand Rapids, March 2014

“Divine Hiddenness, Manifest Creation, and Reasonable Nonbelief,” EPS National Conference, November 2013

“Christian Faith and Practice,” United Religious Community Invited Lecture, October 2013

“Divine Elusiveness, Reasonable Nonbelief, and the Existence of God,” Wheaton College, Annual Philosophy Lectureship, Spring 2012

Courses and Seminars Taught

Comparative Religion
Philosophical Theology
Philosophy of Religion
World Religions
Theology (undergraduate sequence)
Philosophy of Human Nature
Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
Modern Philosophy
Philosophy of Mind
Metaphysics
Ethics
Philosophy and Film
Introduction to Philosophy
Logic and Critical Thinking

Philosophy of Religion (graduate course)
Comparative Religion (graduate course)
Philosophical Theology (graduate course)
Values, Ethics, and Leadership (graduate course)
Ethical Theory and Moral Choice (graduate course)
Christian Theology (graduate courses)
History of Christian Thought (graduate course)
Contemporary Trends in Theology (graduate course)

Related Experience

External Examiner for Doctoral Dissertation, Nader Alsamaani, University of Birmingham, UK, 2017.

External Examiner for Doctoral Dissertation, Matthew Churchhouse, University of Birmingham, UK, 2017.

Guest Editor, *Philosophia Christi*, Special Summer Issue: “Reimagining the Trinity: A Symposium on Keith Ward’s *Christ and the Cosmos*” (forthcoming Winter Issue 2016)

Head of the Interreligious Dialogue Group, United Religious Community, Northern Indiana, 2014-present

Founder and head of the Interreligious Student Community, United Religious Community, Northern Indiana, 2016-present

Program Chair, EPS National Conference, 2012, 2013, 2014

Guest Editor (with Charles Taliaferro), *Philosophia Christi*, Special Summer Issue: “Neuroscience and the Soul,” 15:1 (2013)

Editorial Advisor, *Dialogue Journal*, UK/Australia, 2009-present

Guest Editor, *Philosophia Christi*, “Religious Diversity: A Dialogue,” 11:2 (2009)

Director, Bethel College Philosophy Department, 2006-2009

Chair, American Academy of Religion Conference Session on Religious Pluralism, 2008

Vice President, Evangelical Philosophical Society (EPS), 2005-2008

Vice Chair, Midwest Regional Meetings of EPS, 2005-2008

Chair, Central Division of American Academy of Religion Conference Session, 2004

Chair, Central Division of American Philosophical Association Conference Session, 2003, 2004

Board Member, Executive Committee of the EPS, 2003-2010

Book Review Editor for *Philosophia Christi*, 2003-present

Referee for Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Blackwell, Routledge, Palgrave Macmillan, Ashgate, Acumen, Zondervan/Harper Collins, *Faith and Philosophy*, *Philosophia Christi*, *Christian Scholar's Review*, *Dialogue*, *Perspectives on Science and Faith*, and *Philosophy Compass*

External reviewer for faculty promotion at various Colleges and Universities in the US and UK, including the University of London and St. Thomas University.

College and Community Service

Board Member, United Religious Community, Northern Indiana, 2014-present

Head, Interreligious Discussion Group, United Religious Community, 2014-present

Head, Interreligious Student Community, United Religious Community, 2016-present

Student Development Committee, Bethel College, 2014-2015, 2017-present

Board Member, The Crossing (state accredited educational alternative), 2012-2013

Faculty Mentor for Bethel College Urban Ministry Program, 2008-2010

AIDS Outreach Faculty Representative, Bethel College Student Organization, 2006-2008

Committee Member, Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee, Bethel College, 2006-2007

Racial Harmony Committee, Bethel College, 2002-2004

Board Member, Luvability Ministries (ministry focused on serving the developmentally disabled community in Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan), 2001-2003

Director, Urban College (minority-centered outreach), Bethel College, 1999-2002