

Michael McGowan

Curriculum Vitae, Summer 2021

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www.loveofwisdom.org (teaching)
www.youtube.com/profmcgowan (lectures)
www.michaelmcgowan.net (under const.)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2013-present

Professor of Philosophy, Florida Southwestern State College

Credentialed: Philosophy, Religion, Humanities

Collier Campus, Naples, FL 34113

- Adjunct Faculty Mentor
- Collier Campus Faculty Senate Secretary
- Continuing Contract Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Department of Humanities and Fine Arts Secretary
- Executive Faculty Senate Member
- Faculty Club Advisor: Lacrosse, Multicultural, Photography
- Faculty Search Committees: English, Humanities, Biology, Philosophy
- FSW Foundation Research Grant Recipient (twice)
- High School Ethics Bowl Judge (southwest Florida)
- Honors Program: Faculty Volunteer
- Humanities Continuing Contract Evaluation Committee
- Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Judge (southeastern United States)
- International Studies Trip Leader: Florence, Italy
- Lead Faculty for Religion Courses (all campuses and online)
- Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Committee
- Thought Leader: One Book, One College (Religion, God)

2012-2013

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Fresno Pacific University

On Campus, Fresno, CA 93702

Classes: Philosophy of Religion

2011-2013

Adjunct Professor of Religion, Rowan College, Gloucester County

On Campus, Sewell, NJ 08080

Classes: World Religions, Ethics

- 2011-2013** *Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Rowan College, Burlington County*
Online, Pemberton, NJ 08068
Classes: Introduction to Philosophy
- 2011-2013** *Adjunct Professor of Religion, San Bernardino Valley College*
Online, San Bernardino, CA 92410
Classes: Religion in America
- 2008-2012** *Faculty Preparation Programs, Claremont Graduate University*
Minority Mentor Program
College Teaching Certificate
Preparing Future Faculty Program
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** **University of South Florida** (anticipated 2023)
Dept. of Philosophy: Continental Philosophy
Tentative Dissertation: *Nietzsche, Nihilism, and Meaning after the Death of God*
Committee: To be determined
- M.A.** **University of South Florida** (2019)
Dept. of Philosophy: Ethics and Social/Political Philosophy
Thesis: *"The Thought That We Hate": Regulating Race-Related Speech on Campus*
Committee: Stephen Turner, Hugh LaFollette, Colin Heydt
- Ph.D.** **Claremont Graduate University** (2012)
School of Religion: Philosophy of Religion and Theology
Dissertation: *The Bridge: Revelation and its Implications*
Committee: Ingolf Dalferth, Philip Clayton, Stephen Davis
- M.Div.** **Yale University** (2008)
Divinity School: Philosophy of Religion and Theology
Academic Advisor: Miroslav Volf
- M.A.** **Malone University** (2005)
Graduate School: Christian Ministries
Academic Advisor: Stephen Moroney
- B.S.** **Taylor University** (1999)
Major: Early Childhood Education
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SCHOLARSHIP

BOOKS

Editor, *Speaking Words of Wisdom: The Beatles and Religion* (under contract; University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 2022).

Co-Editor, *David Foster Wallace and Religion: Essays on Faith and Fiction* (New York, London: Bloomsbury Academic Press, 2019). Reviewed in:

- *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*
- *CHOICE Connect: A Publication of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association*

The Bridge: Revelation and its Implications (Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick Publications, 2015).

ESSAYS

“‘That Magic Feeling’: An Introduction to the Beatles and Religion,” in *Speaking Words of Wisdom: The Beatles and Religion* (University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 2022).

“‘Don’t Pass Me By’: To Hell and Back with Ringo Starr,” in *Speaking Words of Wisdom: The Beatles and Religion* (University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 2022).

“Conclusion: ‘All Together Now’ – Making and Finding Meaning in Community,” in *Speaking Words of Wisdom: The Beatles and Religion* (University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 2022).

“Conceptions of the Afterlife: *The Good Place* and Religious Tradition,” in *The Good Place and Philosophy* (Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing, 2020).

“How do they Get Away with It? Pushing Boundaries with Offensive Material on *Saturday Night Live*,” in *Saturday Night Live and Philosophy* (Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing, 2020).

“‘Not Another Word’: Nietzsche, Wallace, and the Death of God,” in *David Foster Wallace and Religion: Essays on Faith and Fiction* (New York, London: Bloomsbury Academic Press, 2019).

“The Religious Worlds of David Foster Wallace: Both Fiction and Not,” in *David Foster Wallace and Religion: Essays on Faith and Fiction* (New York, London: Bloomsbury Academic Press, 2019).

“Human Rights Philosophy and Religion: Current Trends and Future Directions,” in *Journal of Human Rights* (November 2018).

“‘Cast Your Nets to the Right Side’: Virtue Ethics, Faith and Food Choices,” *Christian Scholar’s Review* (vol. 49, no. 2).

“Google It: Strategies for Updating the Trolley Car Problem in Collegiate Ethics Classes,” *Teaching Ethics* (Winter 2014).

With Riley Endicott, “Shades of Grey: Pascal, Rousseau, and Nolan on Human Nature” Review article for *Journal of Religion and Film*, vol. 15:2 (November 2012).

“Strategies of the Advocate: *Inception* and the Dynamics of Conversion” Review article for *Journal of Religion and Film*, vol. 14:2 (July 2010).

“A View from the Inside: *Avatar* and the Inside/Outside Distinction in Religion” *Journal of Religion and Film*, vol. 14: 1 (April 2010).

“Trauma and Grace: Theology and Psychology in Conversation” in *Pastoral Psychology*, vol. 58.2 (2009), 167-180.

REVIEWS

Michael R. Panicola, et al, *Health Care Ethics: Foundations, Contemporary Issues, and Controversial Cases* in *Theological Book Review* (May 2012).

Robert Plummer, ed., *Journeys of Faith: Evangelicalism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Catholicism, and Anglicanism* in *Christianity Today* (April 2012).

LEAD Review: Clifford Williams, *Existential Reasons for Belief in God: A Defense of Desires & Emotions for Faith* in *Christianity Today* (June 2011).

John Wilkinson, *No Argument for God: Going Beyond Reason in Conversations About Faith* in *Christianity Today* (April 2011).

Cynthia Briggs, *The Bible in the Public Square: Reading the Signs of the Times* in *Theological Book Review* (November 2010).

David Kelsey, *Eccentric Existence: A Theological Anthropology* in *Theological Book Review* (October 2010).

Shannon Craigo-Snell, *Living Christianity: A Pastoral Theology for Today* in *Reviews in Religion and Theology* (vol. 17:4; September 2010).

Philip Clayton, *Transforming Christian Theology: For Church and World* in *International Journal of Systematic Theology* (August 2010).

Gregory Clapper, *Renewal of the Heart is the Mission of the Church: Wesley's Heart Religion in the Twenty-First Century* in *Christianity Today* (June 2010).

Stephen K. Moroney, *God of Love and God of Judgment* in *Journal of the Evangelical Theology Society* (February 2010).

Estep, Anthony, and Allison, *A Theology for Christian Education* in *Christian Higher Education Journal* (September 2009).

Gregg A. Ten Elshof, *I Told Me So: Self-Deception in Christian Living* in *Christianity Today* (August 2009).

J. J. Abrams' *Star Trek: Explorations of Identity and Otherness* in *Journal of Religion and Film* (April 2009).

PRESENTATIONS

Unplugged: A Truthful Conversation – Using Philosophy and Ethics Today
 Florida Southwestern State College
 Fort Myers, Florida
 (July 2021)

The Impasse: Critical Race Theory and the Free Speech Problem on College Campuses
 Southwest Social Science Association
 New Orleans, Louisiana
 (April 2021)

Neutrality in the Classroom
 Florida Southwestern State College
 Teaching and Learning Center
 (October 2018)

How (and When) to Walk the Line: The Pedagogy of Contemporary Controversies
 American Philosophical Association
 Eastern Division Meeting
 (January 2018)

Chair/Moderator, *David Foster Wallace and Philosophy of Religion*
 Illinois State University: DFW 2017
 Theme: Legacies of Complexity
 (July 2017)

Both Fiction and Not: Philosophy of Religion in David Foster Wallace
 Illinois State University: DFW 2016
 Theme: *Infinite Jest* at Twenty Years
 (July 2016)

Chair/Moderator, *Wallace and Religion*
 Illinois State University: DFW 2016
 Theme: *Infinite Jest* at Twenty Years
 (July 2016)

Stones Unturned: Truth and Goodness in Philosophy, Science, & Religion
 Edison State College: Education for a New Humanity
 Theme: The Price and Promise of Progress
 (March 2014)

Somewhere Over the Rainbow: Faith-Based Universities and the Queer Underground
 Azusa Pacific University: Student Leadership Conference
 Theme: Unite
 (April 2013)

Design vs. David Hume: Rethinking the Effectiveness of Teleological Arguments
 Fresno Pacific University: Origins of Life Event
 Theme: None.
 (October 2012)

Arnold's Dilemma: The Book of Mormon and the Challenge of Change
AAR/SBL Regional Conference: Western Commission for the Study of
Religion – Theme: Sacred Texts, Sacred Communities
(March 2012)

Arnold's Dilemma: The Book of Mormon and the Challenge of Change
Scripps College: Religions in Conversation Conference
Theme: Navigating the Sacred & the Profane in American Popular Culture
(February 2012)

The Narrative Paradigm: An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Problem of Revelation
Claremont Graduate University: Philosophy of Religion
Theme: Revelation
(February 2012)

Sensitive Subjects: How to Handle Philosophy and Religion Classes Online
Fresno Pacific University: BLEND Technology Conference
Theme: New Learning Environments and New Media
(October 2011)

Spare the Rod: The Philosophy of Restorative Justice
Fresno Pacific University: Student Life Staff Development
(August 2011)

Black Bishop to White Knight: Augustine's Role in the Just War Tradition
Claremont Graduate University History Conference
Theme: The Ruptures of War
(April 2010)

Odd Bedfellows: Evangelicals and Secularists on the Bible in Ethics
Claremont Graduate University Minority Mentor Program Conference
Theme: The Spaces Between
(April 2010)

White, Male, & Middle Class: Assessing Liberation from a Position of Privilege
Annual National Diversity Conference (with Sanjay Merchant)
Theme: Diversity in the Academy
(March 2010)

Evangelicals & Scripture: Contemporary Movements in the Doctrine of Revelation -
Annual Wesleyan Theological Society National Meeting
Theme: The Future of Scripture
(March 2010)

Pushing the Boundaries? Religions in Transition and Faith-Based Universities
AAR/SBL: Western Commission for the Study of Religion
Theme: *La Frontera*: Evaluating Borders and Boundaries
(March 2010)

Trinity and Revelation: Some Reflections on Augustine and His Legacy
Claremont Graduate University Religion Conference
Theme: Trinity Symposium
(July 2009)

White, Male, & Middle Class: Assessing Liberation Theologies from a Position of Privilege
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Theme: Trinity Symposium
(July 2009)

**AWARDS &
ACTIVITIES**

Florida Southwestern State College (2021)
FSW Foundation Educational Excellence Grant/Award
Locations: Liverpool and London
Summer 2021

Florida Southwestern State College (2018)
FSW Foundation Educational Excellence Grant/Award
Locations: Harry Ransom Center Archives, University of Texas, Austin
Summer 2018

Teaching Ethics Journal (three-year terms: 2016-2019, 2019-2022)
Editorial Review Board
Sort reviewers/articles and submit reports on feasibility/quality

Teaching Philosophy Journal (2015-present)
Peer Reviewer
Review articles and submit reports on feasibility/quality

Oxford University Press (2014-present)
Peer Reviewer
External Reviewer for textbooks (religion and philosophy)

Christianity Today
CT Book Awards Judge
Category: Apologetics and Evangelism
2011-2014

State of California (2012-2013)
Substance Abuse Prevention Grant
Grant Writer, Awarded: \$6,801.00

Fresno Pacific University (2011-2013)
Center for Peacemaking and Conflict Studies
Graduate Certificate

Claremont Graduate University (2008-2012)
School of Religion
Doctoral Fellowship

Yale University (2006-2008)
Mary Cady Tew Fellowship
Dwight-Hooker Fellowship
David Root Fellowship

**SOCIETY
INVOLVEMENT**

American Philosophical Association
American Academy of Religion
Society of Christian Philosophers
Society of Christian Ethics

**UNIVERSITY
SERVICE**

Fresno Pacific University
Worldview Forum (creator/leader)
Veritas Discussion Group (creator/leader)
Intramural Sports program (leader)
Continuous Improvement Committee (accreditation/assessment)
STEM Steering Committee
2011-2013

Claremont Graduate University
Research Assistant: Theism/Atheism debate, Religion and Politics
2008-2010

Yale University
AYA Admissions Interviewer (Central California, Southwest Florida)
Research Assistant: Yale Law School
2008-present

Malone University
Northern Ireland Service-Learning (creator/leader)
Resident Director Search Committee
Intramural Sports program (leader)
2001-2005

REFERENCES

Available upon request.