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#### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Philosophy of Religion & Theology, Claremont Graduate University, 2000 Fulbright Fellow, Philipps-Universität, Marburg, Germany, 1997-1999

M.A. Religion, Claremont Graduate University, 1997 Church Divinity School of the Pacific (G.T.U.), 1990-1992 (M.Div. program)

B.A. University of California, Santa Barbara, Religious Studies (with high honors), 1990

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD AT EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

- Foundation Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies since 2024
- Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, 2014-2024
- Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, 2008-2014
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, 2003-2008
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, 2001-2003
- Instructor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 1999-2001

# **NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE**

• Manager of Gooch Family Farm, LLC (seven-generation cattle-producing farm located on the Dix River in Lincoln County, Kentucky), 2006-2023.

#### **ACADEMIC WORKS IN PROGRESS**

Religious Belief in the Age of Competing Worldviews: Responses to the Rise of Scientific Materialism in German Protestant Theology (monograph)

## **PUBLISHED WORKS**

The Numinous and Modernity: An Interpretation of Rudolf Otto's Philosophy of Religion (Berlin/New York: de Gruyter, 2000). Pp. vi + 233.

#### **Chapters in Edited Volumes:**

- "Ludwig Feuerbach and the Challenge of Atheism," in *The Oxford History of Modern German Theology*, 3 vols., David Lincicum, Judith Wolfe, and Johannes Zachhuber, general editors, Volume 1: 1781–1848, ed. Grant Kaplan and Kevin Vander Schel (Oxford University Press, 2023), 633-649.
- "Rudolf Otto's Post-Kantian Platonism," in *The Holy in a Pluralistic World: Rudolf Otto's Legacy in the 21st Century*, ed. Ulrich Rosenhagen and Gregory D. Alles (Sheffield: Equinox, 2022), 11-32.

- "Critique of Religion: Strauss, Feuerbach, Marx," in *A Companion to Nineteenth-Century Philosophy*, Blackwell Companions to Philosophy, ed. John Shand (Malden, Mass.: Blackwell Publishers, 2019), 212-235.
- "Atheism," in *The Oxford Handbook of German Philosophy in the Nineteenth Century*, ed. Michael Forster and Kristin Gjesdal (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), 829-851.
- "Das Schaudern ist der Menschheit bestes Teil': Über die Goethe-Rezeption Rudolf Ottos" in *Rudolf Otto: Theologie Religionsphilosophie Religionsgeschichte*, ed. Jörg Lauster, Peter Schüz, Roderich Barth and Christian Danz (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2014), 305-315.
- "Rudolf Otto and 'the Irrational in the Idea of the Divine," in *Religion und Irrationalität: Historisch-systematische Perspektiven*, ed. Jochen Schmidt and Heiko Schulz (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013), 89-110.
- "Philosophy, Religion and the Politics of *Bildung* in Hegel and Feuerbach," in *Hegel on Religion and Politics*, ed. Angelica Nuzzo (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2013), 187-211.
- "Some Political Implications of Feuerbach's Theory of Religion," in *Politics, Religion, and Art: Hegelian Debates*, ed. Douglas Moggach (Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press, 2011), 257-280.

#### **Articles in Academic Journals:**

- "Faith, Knowledge, and the *Ausgang* of Classical German Philosophy: Jacobi, Hegel, Feuerbach," forthcoming in a special issue of the open-access journal, *Religions* (ISSN 2077-1444), on The Impact of German Idealism on Religion, ed. Christian Danz.
- "The Rise of Scientific Materialism and Its Long-Term Effect on the Development of German Theology," *Journal for the History of Modern Theology* 29:1 (2022), 45-68.
- "The Numinous as an Axiological Category in Rudolf Otto's Theology," *Archivio di Filosofia* 86:3 (2018), 11-16.
- "Paul Natorp 'Between the Ages," *Journal for the History of Modern Theology* 25:1-2 (2018), 129-151.
- "Bruno Reincarnate': The Early Feuerbach on God, Love and Death," *Journal for the History of Modern Theology* 20:1 (2013), 21–43.
- "Max Stirner and the Apotheosis of the Corporeal Ego," *The Owl of Minerva: Journal of the Hegel Society of America* 37:2 (2006), 159-190.
- "The Epistemic Status of Value-Cognition in Max Scheler's Philosophy of Religion," *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* (www.jcrt.org) 3:1 (2001), 13,500 words.

#### **Encyclopedia & Dictionary Entries:**

- "Ludwig Andreas Feuerbach," in *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Edward N. Zalta (first published in 2013, expanded in 2016, updated in 2023). <a href="https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/ludwig-feuerbach/">https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/ludwig-feuerbach/</a>
- "Otto, Rudolf," in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology*, ed. David Fergusson, Karen Kilby, Ian McFarland and Iain Torrance (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011), 361-362.

### **Proceedings:**

"The Religious Travails of a 'Conscientious and Cultivated Mind' in 'an Age of Weak Beliefs" (session on John Stuart Mill) in *Papers of the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group* (of the American Academy of Religion), ed. Russell Kleckley and Arthur McCalla, vol. 40 (2009), 178-199.

#### **Book Reviews & Notes:**

- Review of Peter J. Woodford, *The Moral Meaning of Nature: Nietzsche's Darwinian Religion and Its Critics* (Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press, 2018), *The Journal of Religion* 100:4 (2020), 535-537.
- Note on Helena Rosenblatt, *Liberal Values: Benjamin Constant and the Politics of Religion*, Ideas in Context, 92 (Cambridge University Press, 2008), *Religious Studies Review* 36:2 (2010), 134–35. This note was mistakenly attributed to another author. A correction appeared in *RSR* 36:4, 317.
- Note on Johannes Wischmeyer, Rahmenbedingungen, Akteure und Wissenschaftsorganisation protestantischer Universitätstheologie in Tübingen, Jena, Erlangen und Berlin 1850-1870, Arbeiten zur Kirchengeschichte, 108 (Berlin/ New York: Walter de Gruyter, 2008), Religious Studies Review 35:4 (2009), 255-56.
- Review of Douglas Moggach, ed., *The New Hegelians: Politics and Philosophy in the Hegelian School* (Cambridge University Press, 2006) in *Journal for the History of Philosophy* 45:4 (2007), 669-70.
- Review of Jerry L. Walls, *Heaven: The Logic of Eternal Joy* (Oxford University Press, 2002), *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 59:2 (2006), 121-24.
- Review of Wayne Proudfoot, ed., William James: Reexperiencing the Varieties of Religious Experience (Columbia University Press, 2004) in Philosophy in Review / Comptes rendu philosophiques 25:5 (2005), 378-80.
- Review of Merold Westphal, Overcoming Onto-Theology: Toward a Postmodern Christian Faith (Fordham University Press, 2001) in Philosophy in Review / Comptes rendu philosophiques 22:5 (2002), 397-99.

# PAPERS PRESENTED AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- "The Rise of Scientific Materialism and Its Long-Term Effect on the Development of Nineteenth-Century German Theology," Nineteenth-Century Theology Group session on Theological Responses to the Rise of Scientific Materialism (A25-223), Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, Nov. 25, 2019.
- "Ludwig Feuerbach and the Challenge of Atheism," *Oxford History of Modern German Theology* Author's Workshop (M22-113), Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, Nov. 22, 2019.
- "Il numinoso como categoria assiologica nella teologia di Rudolf Otto," Annual Meeting of the Italian Association for Philosophy of Religion (AIFR), University of Trento, Italy, Nov. 23-24, 2017.

- "Otto's Approach to Theological Ethics," Rudolf Otto Conference at the University of Gießen, Germany, March 8-10, 2017.
- "Paul Natorp 'Between the Ages,' Nineteenth-Century Theology Group session on Neo-Kantianism and Religious Thought, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Nov. 22, 2015.
- "Sacrality, Secularity and Sovereignty in the Cultural Politics of the Young Hegelians," Sacred Literature / Secular Religion: A Conference on Cultural Practices, LeMoyne College Religion and Literature Forum, Syracuse, NY, Oct. 3, 2015.
- "Rudolf Otto as Platonist," Conference on The Holy in a Pluralistic World, Lubar Institute for the Study of Abrahamic Religions, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Nov. 5, 2014.
- "Faith, Knowledge, and the 'Ausgang' of Classical German Philosophy: Jacobi, Hegel, Feuerbach," First German-Latin American Hegel Conference, Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina, Buenos Aires, May 20, 2014.
- "Otto, Brunner and Ritschl on Mystical Piety and the Piety of Faith," Mysticism Group panel session on Genealogies of the Numinous: Mysterium, Tremendum et Fascinans, Majestas and the Ganz Andere, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (A25-130), Baltimore, Nov. 25, 2013.
- "Feuerbach on Love and the Human Species-Essence," Nineteenth-Century Theology Group at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (A17-321), Chicago, Nov. 17, 2012.
- "Das Schaudern ist der Menschheit bestes Teil': Über die Goethe-Rezeption Rudolf Ottos," Internationaler Kongress Rudolf Otto: Theologie—Religionsphilosophie—Religionsgeschichte (German Research Commission), Philipps-Universität, Marburg, Germany, Oct. 6, 2012.
- "Philosophy, Religion and the Politics of *Bildung* in Hegel and Feuerbach," 21<sup>st</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Hegel Society of America, St. Norbert's College, De Pere, WI, Oct. 10, 2010.
- "Who is in a Position to Judge whether Christian Belief is Warranted?," Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy of Religion, Claremont, CA, Feb., 25, 2010.
- "The Religious Travails of a 'Conscientious and Cultivated Mind' in 'an Age of Weak Beliefs," Nineteenth-Century Theology Group session on J.S. Mill at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (A10-120), Montréal, Nov. 10, 2009.
- "The Political Implications of Feuerbach's Theory of Religion," Nineteenth-Century Theology Group at the Annual Meeting the American Academy of Religion (A19-221), San Diego, CA, Nov., 2007.
- "Feuerbach's Later Views on Religion: A Belated Response to Van Harvey," Philosophy of Religion and Theology Section, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Conference for the Study of Religion, Nashville, TN, March 16, 2007.
- "Max Stirner and the Apotheosis of the Corporeal Ego," Nineteenth-Century Theology Group at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (A66), Atlanta, GA, Nov., 2003.
- "The Epistemic Status of Value-Cognition in Max Scheler's Philosophy of Religion," Philosophy of Religion Group, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Nashville, TN, Nov., 2000.
- "Rudolf Otto as Heir and Interpreter of Schleiermacher's *Speeches on Religion*," Schleiermacher Group at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Orlando, FL, Nov., 1998.

- "The Reception of Rudolf Otto's *Das Heilige* in Post-WWI Germany," History of the Study of Religion Group at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Orlando, FL, Nov., 1998.
- "Religious Consciousness and Religious Tolerance from Schleiermacher to Mensching," Conference on Education and Civil Society in the Post-Totalitarian World, Bulgarian-American Fulbright Commission, Sofia, Bulgaria, May, 1998.
- "A 'Full Stop' Reconsidered: D.Z. Phillips and Religious Language-Games," Western Regional Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Berkeley, CA, March, 1997.

#### **INVITED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS**

- "Religion & Current Events in the Classroom," Institute for Teaching Excellence, Spring 2024 Professional Development Workshop, EKU Dept. of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, March 23, 2024.
- "Greek Philosophy and the Monotheistic Traditions," EKU Philosophy and Religious Studies Roundtable, Jan. 30, 2024.
- "What is 'Religious Experience'?", EKU Philosophy and Religious Studies Roundtable, Aug. 1, 2022.
- "The Influence of Greek Philosophy on the Early Development of Christian Theology," EKU Philosophy and Religious Studies Roundtable, November 10, 2021.
- "Teaching about Religion in the Public K-12 Classroom," Institute for Teaching Excellence, Fall 2020 Professional Development Workshop on Teaching Tough Topics in the Classroom, EKU Dept. of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, Oct. 17, 2020.
- "The Critique of Religion in Nineteenth-Century German Philosophy," EKU Philosophy and Religious Studies Roundtable, October 31, 2108.
- "Thoughts on Constitutional and Pedagogical Issues Related to Teaching about the Bible in Public K-12 Schools in Kentucky," Panel Discussion on Kentucky House Bill 128, O'Donnell Auditorium, Eastern Kentucky University, Feb. 20, 2018.
- "One Nation Under God? Religious Diversity in the United States," Eastern Kentucky University Chautauqua Lecture Series, March 31, 2005
- "Violence and World Religions," panel discussion sponsored by EKU Women and Gender Studies, Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, and Department of Philosophy and Religion, Feb. 10, 2009.
- "Defining Socialism," Eastern Standard radio broadcast, WEKU (88.9 FM), March 7, 2006.
- "When Should the U.S. Engage in Political Assassination?" EKU Philosophy Club Debate, Nov. 10, 2005.
- "Meanings of 'God," invited lecture, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Madison County, Oct. 23, 2005.
- "One Nation Under God? Religious Diversity in the United States," EKU Chautauqua Lecture Series, March 31, 2005.
- "Why is Free Speech Important?" EKU Philosophy Club Debate, March 22, 2005.
- Panel discussion of Mel Gibson's film, *The Passion of the Christ*, at Centre College, Danville, KY, March 10, 2004.
- "When May a Nation Use Military Force against Other Countries?" EKU Philosophy Club Debate, March 4, 2003.
- "Are Humans Naturally Good, Naturally Evil, or Neither?" EKU Philosophy Club Debate, March 12, 2002.

# **COURSES TOUGHT AT EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY SINCE 1999**

| Course Prefix and Number | Title  |
|--------------------------|--|
| HON 205 & 205W           | Honors Humanities I                                      |
|                          | (with Helen Bennet, Charlotte Rich & Paula Kopacz)       |
| HON 306 & 306W           | Honors Humanities II                                     |
|                          | (with Helen Bennet, Charlotte Rich & Paula Kopacz)       |
| HON 308/PHI 390/REL 370  | Evolution and the Meaning(s) of Life:                    |
|                          | Science, Religion, Ethics (with Frank Williams)          |
| HON 308W/310W            | The Ancient World and Modern Cinema (with Jackie Jay)    |
| HON 308W310W             | Mummies, Museums & Buried Treasure: The Rediscovery      |
|                          | of Antiquity in the Modern Age (with Jackie Jay)         |
| HON 308W310W             | Contesting the Classics (with Jackie Jay)                |
| HON 308W/312W            | Search for Self (with Matt Winslow)                      |
| HON 308W/312W/320W       | Religion and Politics in the Modern Middle East          |
|                          | (with Steve Barracca)                                    |
| HON 308W/312W/320W       | Islamic Culture & Civilization (with Mina Yazdani)       |
| HON 308W/312W/320W       | The Legacy of the Sixties (with Jackie Jay in Fall 2024) |
| PHI 100                  | Practical Reasoning                                      |
| PHI 110 & 110 W          | Beginning Philosophy                                     |
| PHI 130                  | Beginning Ethics   |
| PHI 240                  | Philosophy of Religion                                   |
| PHI 300                  | Greek and Roman Philosophy                               |
| PHI 320                  | Modern Philosophy  |
| PHI 390/REL 370          | Freud, Marx & Nietzsche on Religion                      |
| PHI 390/REL 370          | Hume & Kant on Religion                                  |
| PHI 390/REL 370          | Religious Belief in a Secular Age                        |
| PHI 390/REL 370          | Theories of Religion                                     |
| REL 301 & 301W           | World Religions  |
| REL 305                  | Survey of the Old Testament                              |

| REL 306 | Survey of the New Testament  |
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| REL 315 | History of Christian Thought |
| REL 320 | Judaism                      |
| REL 335 | Islam                        |

#### SUPERVISION OF INDEPENDENT STUDENT RESEARCH

## **Senior Theses in Philosophy**

- Cox, Jeremy, Narrative Identity, Free Will, and Moral Responsibility (Fall 2013)
- Ross Kincaid, Philosophy and Gaming (Summer 2013)
- Scott Poynter, Marx's Theory of Human Nature (Spring 2013)
- Tim Howard, Conceptions of Immortality (Spring 2012)
- Ryan Kelly, The Cosmological Argument (Fall 2012)
- Raymond Zweifel, The Epistemology of Religious Experience (Spring 2009)
- Joe Mason, Philosophy of History (Fall 2006)
- Carl Root, Just War Theory (Spring 2006)a
- Michael Nolan, Free Will vs. Determinism (Spring 2006)
- Aaron Stack, Ethical Theory (Spring 2005)
- Zack Caldwell, The Problem of Evil (Spring 2005)
- Dan Robertson, The Problem of Evil (Spring 2004)
- William Sanford, Just War Theory (Spring 2004)

#### **Honors Senior Theses**

- Flynn Blanchet, Evolution of Yahweh: The Changing Interpretation of the Hebrew God Over Time Based on the Stories of the Old Testament (Fall 2020)
- Eric Powell, *The Moral Influence of Early Christianity on Roman Society* (Spring 2012)

#### **Independent Studies in Philosophy**

- Skyler Parkes and Dan Porter, Existentialism and Literature (Spring 2006)
- Aaron Stack, Free Will vs. Determinism (Fall 2005)

#### **Independent Studies in Religion**

- Olivia Leonard, Independent Study of the Old Testament (Fall 2019)
- Craig Chapman, Independent Study of the New Testament (Fall 2012)
- James Nichols, Survey of the Old Testament (Fall 2007)
- Gregory Dungan, James Nichols, Michael Padgett History of Christianity in the United States and Canada (Spring 2007)
- Samantha Engstrom, Sri Lankan Buddhism (Spring 2006)
- Billy Ball, Christianity and Colonialism (Summer 2006)
- Warren Guilliot, Roman Catholic View of the Sacraments, (Fall 2006)
- Jeannie Thomas, Religious Views of Capital Punishment (Fall 2004)

- Faizal McBride, Religions of India (Summer 2004)
- Adam Walker, Buddhist Philosophy (Summer 2004)
- Gabriel Kessler, Theology and Physics (Spring 2004)
- Skyler Parkes, Mysticism (Fall 2003)

## INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

#### **University Committees**

- CLASS Representative on University General Education Committee since fall of 2023
- Member, Faculty Senate Rules Committee, 2019-2021
- Member, Faculty Senate Nominations & Elections Committee, 2016-2021
- Member, Faculty Club Board of Governors, 2016 2018
- Member, EKU Reads Committee, 2005 2009, 2012 2015
- Chair, Honors Curriculum Revision Faculty Workgroup, 2012
- Member, University Assessment Committee, 2005 2008

#### College Committees

- Member, CLASS Strategic Planning and Budget Committee, 2016 2017
- Member, CAS Strategic Planning and Budget Committee, 2015 2016
- Member, CAS Faculty Research and Development Committee, 2006 2009
- Member, CAS Sabbatical Leave Committee: 2004 2006

#### **Departmental Committees**

- Chair, Departmental Outreach Committee since 2023
- Member, Search Committee for Position in Modern European History, 2021
- Member, Advisory Committee, 2019 2022
- Chair, Sabbatical Leave Committee, 2010-2012
- Member, Departmental Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2003 present
- Member, Departmental Curriculum Committee, 2003 present
- Member, Search Committee for Position in Ethics, 2009
- Member, Search Committee for Position in Eastern Religions, 2006
- Member, Search Committee for Position in Ethics, 2004

#### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

- Member from 2010-18 of the steering committee of the Nineteenth-Century Theology Unit of the American Academy of Religion, Co-Chair from 2012-13, Chair from 2013-18).
- Area Editor for Nineteenth-Century Religious Thought, *Religious Studies Review* (2013-2018)
- Peer reviewer, *Journal of Religion* (University of Chicago Press), 2016, 2019, 2024.
- Peer reviewer, Southern Journal of Philosophy (Wiley-Blackwell), 2014.
- Peer reviewer, *Theology and Literature* (Oxford University Press), 2012.
- Peer reviewer, *Religious Studies* (Cambridge University Press), 2007, 2009.

• Peer reviewer, Oxford University Press / American Academy of Religion book series on Theory and Reflection in the Study of Religion, 2009.

# PROGRAMMING OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup>-CENTURY THEOLOGY UNIT OF THE AAR

During my tenure as chair of the steering committee of this Unit, I helped to conceive, coordinate, and write the calls for papers for the following sessions:

#### 2018 Annual Meeting of the AAR

- Panel on Thomas Albert Howard's *The Pope and the Professor: Pius IX, Ignaz Von Döllinger, and the Quandary of the Modern Age* (Oxford University Press, 2017)
- F. C. Baur and the Historical Turn in Nineteenth-Century Theology
- Catholic Responses to the Rise of Historical Consciousness
- New Avenues for Scholarship on Religion, Modernity, and the Secular: The Case of the Long Nineteenth Century

# 2017 Annual Meeting of the AAR

- Luther's Nineteenth-Century Heirs and Interpreters
- American Transcendentalism as Theological Resource for the Anthropocene
- Panel on Ted Vial's *Modern Religion, Modern Race* (Oxford University Press, 2016)

## **2016** Annual Meeting of the AAR

- Theology as Science in Nineteenth-Century Germany
- History of the Black Social Gospel
- Religion, Morality, and Politics: Revisiting the New Nietzsche for Religious Studies

# 2015 Annual Meeting of the AAR

- Schleiermacher and Mediating Theology
- Aesthetics and the Religious Imagination
- Neo-Kantianism and Religion

## **2014** Annual Meeting of the AAR

- Gendered Categories in Nineteenth-Century Religious Thought
- Religion Re-Conceptualizing Romanticism

#### ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO AAR PROGRAMMING

- "Church and State in Napoleon's Wake," session (A24-330) of the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group at the 2013 Annual Meeting (Baltimore, Nov. 24). Helped to conceive session, drafted call for papers, solicited paper proposals.
- "Defining the Field: New Methods for Reconceiving the History of Nineteenth-Century Christian Thought (in Memory of James C. Livingston)," session (A19-322) of the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group at the 2012 Annual Meeting (Chicago, Nov. 19). Papers from this session, which I helped to conceive, and at which I presided, are included in *Papers of the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group*, vol. 43, ed. James Swan Tuite and Todd Gooch, eds.
- "Religious Thought and the Nineteenth-Century Novel," joint session (A19-203) of the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group and the Arts, Literature and Religion Section at the 2011 Annual Meeting (San Francisco, Nov. 19). Papers from this session, which I

- conceived and organized, are included in *Papers of the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group*, vol. 42, ed. Todd Gooch, Dawn De Vries, and Arie Molendijk.
- "Nineteenth-Century Proposals for a Religion of Humanity," joint session (A30-322) of the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group and the Religion and Humanism Consultation, 2010 Annual Meeting (Atlanta, Oct. 30). Papers from this session, which I conceived and organized, are included in *Papers of the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group*, vol. 41, ed. Todd Gooch, Lori Pearson, and Theodore Vial.
- "J. S. Mill and the Utility of Religion," session (A10-120) of the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group at the 2009 Annual Meeting (Montréal, Nov. 10). Conceived session and drafted call for papers. Papers from this session, at which I ended up presenting a paper, are included in *Papers of the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group*, vol. 40, ed. Todd Gooch, Lori Pearson, and Theodore Vial.

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- Election to EKU Society of Foundation Professors, 2024
- EKU Sabbatical Leave, 2018-19 (half time for two semesters)
- EKU University Fellow, 2016-17
- EKU College of Arts & Sciences Excellence in Research and Creative Activities award, 2014
- Nominee, EKU Critical Thinking Teacher of the Year Award, 2013
- EKU Institutional Nomination for the NEH Summer Fellowship, 2011
- Visiting Scholar, Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, Summer 2010
- EKU University Research Grant, 2009
- EKU Institutional Nomination for the NEH Summer Fellowship, 2009
- EKU Sabbatical Leave, 2009 (half time for two semesters)
- Fulbright Scholar, Philipps-Universität, Marburg, Germany, 1997-99
- Tuition Fellowship, Dept. of Religion, Claremont Graduate University, 1996
- Andrew Mellon Foundation Seminar on Postmodernism in the Humanities, 1995
- Honda Foundation Scholarship, National Academic Decathlon, 1985