CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

2020 Ph.D. in Theological Studies, Concentration: Philosophy of Religion
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina
Mentor: Dr. Greg Welty
Dissertation: Proposing a Trinitarian Metaethical Theory as a Better Explanation for Objective Morality Than Erik Wielenberg's Godless Normative Realism

Emphases of Study:
Metaethics
The Moral Argument for God
Divine Command Theory
Natural Law
The Problem of Evil
Epistemology
Faith and Reason
Systematic Theology
Soteriology

2013 M.Div. in Christian Ministry
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina

2009 Seven classes towards an M.Div.
Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, North Carolina

1999 B.S. with High Distinction in Business Administration
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska
Major: Finance
Minors: History and Geography
Superior Scholar: Top 3% of Graduating Class

COMPETENCE:

Primary:
Philosophy of Religion, Metaethics, Introduction to Philosophy, History of Philosophy, Ethics, Epistemology, Historical Apologetics, Scientific Apologetics, Systematic Theology

Secondary:
Political Theology, Evangelism, Discipleship, World Religions, Old Testament Survey, New Testament Survey, Church History, Baptist History, Historical Theology, Preaching

CLASSES TAUGHT:

Introduction to Philosophy
Philosophy of Religion
Christian Apologetics
Systematic Theology I
Systematic Theology II
History of Ideas
Discipleship
Evangelism

BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS PUBLISHED:

"Schaeffer on Philosophy and Apologetics" chapter in *The Unfinished Apologetic*, edited by Andrew J. Spencer and Christopher Talbot, published by B&H Publishing, forthcoming

"With Whom There is No Variation or Shifting Shadow" chapter in *Beyond Necessity and Chance: Agency, Freedom, and the Explanation of Reality*, edited by Timothy A. Stratton, published by Alexandria Library, forthcoming

Convincing Proof for God, under contract to be published by Sound Faith Books as part of a three-book series for a general audience including *Convincing Proof for Jesus* and *Convincing Proof for the Bible*, forthcoming

"How the Trinitarian God of Christianity Best Explains Morality" chapter in *God and Morality*, coauthored with Michael Agerbo Mørch, published in Danish by Kolon Forlag in Denmark, Volume 3 of *Nordisk serie for kristen apologetik og religionsfilosofi*, 2026

"Divine Love Theory: How the Trinity Best Explains Objective Moral Truth" chapter in *Moral Arguments for God's Existence: Navigating the Terrain*, edited by David Baggett and John E. Hare, published by Oxford University Press, 2026

"Does God Exist?," "Expanding on the Debate: Additional Points and Arguments for Theism," and "Response to the Contributors: Concluding Remarks for Theism" chapters in *Debating God's Existence: Believers and Skeptics in Friendly Conversation*, a book about my debate with atheist Dan Barker at an atheist FREEFLO conference organized by the Florida Humanist Association, edited by Andrew Drinkard, published by Eerdmans, 2026

Divine Love Theory: How the Trinity is the Source and Foundation of Morality, published by Kregel Academic in March of 2023

A Debate on God and Morality: What is the Best Account of Objective Moral Values and Duties? Overall editor and author of the first chapter *Introduction*, published by Routledge, 2020. Contributors include William Lane Craig, Erik Wielenberg, J. P. Moreland, Wesley Morriston, David Baggett, Michael Huemer, and Mark Linville

"Emergence of Consciousness: Christian Friend or Foe?" chapter in *Technology and Theology*, edited by William H. U. Anderson, published by Vernon Press, 2020

PAPERS PUBLISHED:

"How the Trinitarian God of Christianity Provides the Best Explanation for Objective Morality: Comparing the Metaethical Theories of James Sterba and Adam Lloyd Johnson" in a special issue of *Religions* titled *Is an Ethics without God Possible?* edited by James P. Sterba, December 2025

"Is it Morally Permissible for Some People to Rape and Murder? Responding to Erik Wielenberg's Argument that Divine Command Theory Fails to Explain How Psychopaths Have Moral Obligations" in a special issue of *Religions* titled *God and Ethics* edited by David Baggett, October 2023

"Divine Love Theory: How God's Trinitarian Nature Provides the Ultimate Source and Foundation for Morality" in the *Journal of the International Society of Christian Apologetics*, Vol. 15, 2022

"A Cabin in the Woods: A Former Statistician Responds to a Critique of the Bayesian Version of the Fine-Tuning Argument for God's Existence" in *Eleutheria*, Vol. 5, Issue 1, 2021

"Fortifying the Petard: A Response to One of Erik Wielenberg's Criticisms of the Divine Command Theory" in *Philosophia Christi*, Vol. 20, No. 2, 2018

"Created to Know: A Comparison of the Epistemologies of Michael Polanyi and Francis Schaeffer" in the *Westminster Theological Journal*, May 2017

"The Value of Natural Law for Engaging Culture and Politics: Responding to a Common Objection to Natural Law" in the *Canadian Journal for Scholarship and the Christian Faith*, March 2016

"Debunking Nontheistic Moral Realism: A Critique of Erik Wielenberg's Attempt to Deflect the Lucky Coincidence Objection" in *Philosophia Christi*, Vol. 17, No. 2, 2015

"Strengthening the Moral Argument" in the *Journal of the International Society of Christian Apologetics*, Vol. 8, No. 1, April 2015

"Socrates" in the *Lexham Bible Dictionary*, 2014

"Nebuchadnezzar's Image" in the *Lexham Bible Dictionary*, 2014

PAPERS PRESENTED:

September, 2026: International Society of Christian Apologetics
"Divine Hiddenness" co-presented with Andrew Drinkard

November, 2025: Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting
"The First Good Argument: Responding to Erik Wielenberg's Claim that All Theistic Moral Theories Include Ungrounded Moral Truths"

November, 2025: American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
"The First Good Argument"

November, 2024: Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting
"A Divine Love Theodicy: Addressing James Sterba's and Erik Wielenberg's Problem of Evil Arguments"

November, 2023: Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting
"Wielenberg's Psychopath Objection: Is it Morally Permissible for Some People to Rape and Murder?"

November, 2022: Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting
"Divine Love Theory: How the Trinity is the Source and Foundation of Morality"

March, 2022: International Society of Christian Apologetics
"Divine Love Theory: How God's Trinitarian Nature Provides the Ultimate Source and Foundation for Morality"

November, 2017: American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
"Fortifying the Petard: A Response to One of Erik Wielenberg's Criticisms of the Divine Command Theory"

April, 2016: Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting of the Eastern Region
"The Value of Natural Law for Engaging Culture and Politics: Responding to a Common Objection to Natural Law" – recognized as the best student paper submitted

March, 2016: Evangelical Philosophical Society Southeastern Regional Meeting
"Created to Know: A Comparison of the Epistemologies of Michael Polanyi and Francis Schaeffer"

November, 2015: Annual Meeting of the Michael Polanyi Society
"Created to Know: A Comparison of the Epistemologies of Michael Polanyi and Francis Schaeffer"

May, 2015: Canadian Centre for Scholarship and the Christian Faith
"When machines take over… or have they already?"

April, 2015: International Society of Christian Apologetics
"Evolution and Morality"

March, 2015: Evangelical Philosophical Society Southeastern Regional Meeting
"Evolution and Morality"

March, 2015: Society of Christian Philosophers' Pacific Regional Conference
"Evolution and Morality"

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Paper recognized as the best student paper submitted, Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting of the Eastern Region, April 2016

Superior Scholar: Top 3% of Graduating Class, B.S. with High Distinction at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1999

GENERAL AUDIENCE PRESENTATIONS & ARTICLES:

Keynote Speaker at Charleston Southern University's Endure Apologetics Conference, October 2026

Interviewed on My Bridge Radio, September 2026

Interviewed by Sean McDowell and Scott Rae on podcast *Think Biblically*, 2026

"Why All Our Beliefs Involve Faith" article published in The Worldview Bulletin Newsletter and website, July 2026

Interviewed on YouTube channel *FreeThinking Ministries*, July 2026

Interviewed on YouTube channel *Teasi Cannon*, June 2026

"If Life Ends at Death, Then Eat, Drink, and Be Merry, for Tomorrow We Die" article published on Cross Examined's website, June 2026

"A Divine Love Theodicy: Addressing James Sterba's and Erik Wielenberg's Problem of Evil Arguments" article published on Cross Examined's website, May 2026

"How is Jesus God if He Doesn't Know All that the Father Knows?" article published on Cross Examined's website, April 2026

"Can Christians Lose Their Salvation?" article published on Cross Examined's website, January 2026

"Was the Messiah Predicted in the Old Testament?" article published on Cross Examined's website, December 2025

"How Do I Help People Care About Truth, Not Just Know About It?" article published on Cross Examined's website, October 2025

"A Trinitarian Moral Argument" article published on Cross Examined's website, August 2025

"What is the Meaning of Life?" article published on Cross Examined's website, August 2025

Speaking tour throughout Denmark—spoke 17 times over two weeks at various seminaries, schools, conferences, churches, and ministries mostly about the ideas in *Divine Love Theory* published by Kregel Academic, April 2025

"If God Is the Source of Morality, Would that Mean Morality Is Subjective?" article published on Moral Apologetics website, September 2024

Taught weekly Apologetics class at the Nebraska State Capitol for state senators and their staff through Capitol Studies, 2024

Interviewed on radio talk show *Friendly Fire*, May 11, 2024

Interviewed on radio program *Nebraska Family Alliance Daily Spotlight*, March 11, 2024

Interviewed on YouTube channel *Capturing Christianity*, February 23, 2024

Public debate with atheist Ayn Rand scholar Ben Bayer on "What is morality and where does it come from: The Biological Requirements of Human Life or Divine Love?" at the University of Texas at Austin, April 2024

Public debate with atheist Notre Dame Philosophy Professor James Sterba at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on "Without God can there be an objective ethics?" April 2024

Interviewed on national radio program *Point of View*, September 5, 2023

Interviewed on YouTube channel *TJump*, September 26, 2023

Interviewed on Houston Public Media's radio program Town Square with Ernie Manouse, June 8, 2023

Interviewed on YouTube channel *Freethinking Ministries*, February 3, 2023

"Art & Postmodernism Part I and II" articles published on Summit Ministries' website, September 2022

"Divine Love Theory: How the Trinity Is the Source and Foundation of Morality" article published in The Worldview Bulletin Newsletter and website, September 2022

"Sweeping Contingency Under the Rug" article published in four parts on Moral Apologetics website, April-May 2022

"Is God Necessary for Morality? Evaluating the Exchange Between Linville and Antony" article published on Moral Apologetics website, April 2022

Public debate with atheist Dan Barker on "Does God exist?" at FREEFLO atheist conference in Florida, March 2022

Presented a lecture at Rutgers University, "Divine Love Theory," October 2021

Co-led a semester-long study with Ratio Christi President Corey Miller for professors at secular universities on how to be a light for Christ at their university, Fall 2021

Public dialogue with atheist Philosophy Professor Erik Wielenberg on "God and Morality: What is the best account of objective moral values and duties?" at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, September 2020

Public debate with atheist Luke Pitts on "Is the Bible true?" at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, April 2020

Interviewed on *Crash Course Apologetics* YouTube program, March 2020

Presented a lecture at Trier University of Applied Sciences, Umwelt Campus, in Hoppstädten-Weiersbach, Germany, "Love and the Trinity," May 2019

Guest speaker at the L'Abri in Greatham, England, May 2019

Taught Apologetics track for teens at the annual NCHEA Parenting and Homeschool Conference 2019-current

Coordinated and moderated a public debate between William Lane Craig and Erik Wielenberg titled "God and Morality: What is the best account of objective moral values and duties?" at North Carolina State University, February 23, 2018

Interviewed on Ratio Christi's "Truth Matters" concerning "Objective Morality," February 2017

Interviewed on "Unfolded Hearts Talk Radio" concerning "Myths and Facts of Christmas," December 2016

Speaker at the National Conference on Christian Apologetics, "The Death of God: A Lecture on Friedrich Nietzsche," October 2016

Guest speaker at Francis Schaeffer's original L'Abri in Huemoz, Switzerland, May 2016

Interviewed on "Theology Matters" via TRUradio, "Natural Law," September 2015

Interviewed on "Theology Matters" via TRUradio, "Thought and Apologetics of Francis Schaeffer," May 2015

Speaker at the National Conference on Christian Apologetics, "When machines take over … or have they already?" October 2014

Conference Speaker for TEAM, a Christian Apologetics ministry of Southern Evangelical Seminary, 2008-2011

Writer for GotQuestions.org, wrote sixteen articles for Christian apologetics website, 2008-2009

WORK EXPERIENCE:

2023—Current	President, Convincing Proof Ministries – Lead the ministry which provides historical, scientific, and philosophical reasons to believe Christianity is true.
2017—2023	Chapter Director at the University of Nebraska, Ratio Christi – Organize, lead, and teach the Ratio Christi Chapter at the University of Nebraska.
2017—2020	Regional Director over Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and South Dakota, Ratio Christi – Oversee all Ratio Christi Chapters in these four states. Recruit, mentor, train, and support the Chapter Directors in these four states.
2016—2017	Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Outreach, Tega Cay Baptist Church – Lead, teach, and develop a ministry for college-age adults; implement evangelism, outreach, and missions initiatives; oversee adult classes, home groups, men's and women's ministry; coordinate volunteer ministries, train, equip, and empower leaders.

2009—2016	Associate Pastor of Students and Adult Discipleship, Tega Cay Baptist Church - Minister to youth within the church and the local community; oversee adult classes, home groups, men's and women's Ministry; coordinate volunteer ministries, train, equip, and empower leaders.
2008—2010	Assistant Actuary, Humana Insurance – Statistical research to develop and price group insurance products such as group life, disability, and accident.
2001—2008	Assistant Actuary, Allstate Insurance – Statistical research to develop and price term and universal life insurance products. Spent seven years studying advanced mathematics to sit for Actuarial Science exams. Was member of the American Academy of Actuaries and Associate of the Society of Actuaries.

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Invited by Dr. Ronnie Campbell, Professor of Theology and Apologetics at Liberty University, to speak to his class after his students were required to read my book *Divine Lovey Theory*, October 2026.

Executive Editor of MoralApologetics.com, involves writing articles and overseeing the publication of articles on this site about ethics, metaethics, and the moral argument for God, 2024-2025.

Senior Research Fellow at the Center for the Foundations of Ethics at Houston Christian University, 2022-2025.

Received a $7,000 two-year contract with B&H Publishing to serve as the Substantive Editor for Gary Habermas' *On the Resurrection* Volumes 1 and 2, April 2022.

Taught "Philosophy of Religion" for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at its Extension Center in Lincoln, NE in the Spring of 2021.

Taught "Introduction to Philosophy" for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at its Extension Center in Lincoln, NE in the Fall of 2020.

Taught "Philosophy of Religion" for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at its Extension Center in Omaha, NE in the Fall of 2018.

Taught "Introduction to Philosophy" and "Apologetics" at Theologisches Seminar Rheinland in Wölmersen, Germany, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2021. I lived and taught there for about a month in the Spring each of these five years.

Assisted Dr. Bruce Little in researching the Francis Schaeffer Collection at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, December 2014-January 2015

Co-Founder and First President of *Inservitus*, a Student Group and Academic Journal by Ph.D. students at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2014-2015

LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRY:

Taught ten-week Convincing Proof for the Bible apologetics class at Lincoln Berean Church, 2026

Taught ten-week Convincing Proof for Jesus apologetics class at Lincoln Berean Church, 2026

Co-taught ten-week theology class at Lincoln Berean Church, 2026

Taught ten-week Convincing Proof for God apologetics class at Lincoln Berean Church, 2026

Co-taught ten-week theology class at Lincoln Berean Church, 2025

Taught sixteen-week Apologetics class at Heritage Bible Church, 2024

Presented a talk at Heritage Bible Church, "Critical Theory," November 2021

Speaker, Overcome: An Apologetics Conference for the Church, First Baptist Church, Fort Mill, South Carolina, April 2016

Created an Evangelism Training program for Tega Cay Baptist Church, including local missions week, Spring 2015-2017

Founder and Instructor at the Center for Biblical Studies, offering seminary-type classes at Tega Cay Baptist Church, 2012-2017

Ordained as a Pastor at Tega Cay Baptist Church, 2011

Deacon, Indian Hills Community Church, 2002-2006

President, Common Bonds Ministry, 2001-2003

Summer Camp Speaker and Director, various children's and youth camps, 2001-2009

Teacher, numerous sermons and Bible studies for all ages including Sunday School, Home Groups, Youth Groups, Nursing Homes, Homeless Shelters, Apologetic Conferences, Funerals, and Weddings, 2001-current

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

Evangelical Theological Society
International Society of Christian Apologetics
Evangelical Philosophical Society
Society of Christian Philosophers
American Philosophical Association
American Academy of Religion

FAMILY:

Married Kristin Ruth Johnson 7/13/1996
Caroline Noel Putnam born 12/10/1998
William Lloyd Johnson born 1/10/2001
Alexander Stephen Johnson born 10/25/2002
Raymond Adam Johnson born 9/3/2005

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST FROM:

William Lane Craig (Ph.D., University of Birmingham, D. Theol., University of Munich)
Professor of Philosophy
Talbot School of Theology and Houston Christian University

David Baggett (Ph.D., Wayne State University)
Professor of Philosophy
Houston Christian University

Greg Welty (D.Phil., Oriel College, University of Oxford)
Professor of Philosophy
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Bruce Little (Ph.D., Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary)
Professor Emeritus of Philosophy
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Brad Ferguson (D.Min., Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary)
Senior Pastor I served under at Tega Cay Baptist Church