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EDUCATION:

B.A. (Philosophy) *Point Loma Nazarene College*

- Magna Cum Laude

M.A. (Religion) *Yale University Divinity School*

- Concentration: Philosophy of Religion / Philosophical Theology
- Advisers: Nicholas Wolterstorff (Ph.D. *Harvard*) and Marilyn McCord Adams (Ph.D. *Cornell*)

M.A. (Philosophy) *Claremont Graduate University*

- Adviser: Patricia Easton (Ph.D. *Western Ontario*)

Ph.D. (Philosophy) *Claremont Graduate University*

- Dissertation: *Kant's Refutation of the Ontological Proof*

Committee Members:

Patricia Easton (Ph.D. *Western Ontario*)

Peter Thielke (Ph.D. *UCSD*)

Masahiro Yamada (Ph.D. *NYU*)

Jill Buroker (Ph.D. *Chicago*)

Contents:

Introduction

Chapter One: Descartes, Leibniz, and Kant

Chapter Two: Reason and Theistic Illusion

Chapter Three: Kant's Problem with the
Ontological Proof

Conclusion

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: Modern Philosophy (esp. Kant), Philosophy of Religion, Political / Moral Philosophy, and Christian Theology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE: Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology, Cognitive Science of Religion, and Pentecostal Studies

EXPERIENCE (Academic / Professional):

Lecturer in Philosophy (With Renewable Three-Year Contract), *California State University, San Bernardino*

- Fall 2003 – Present
- Courses: Introduction to Philosophical Issues; Critical Thinking through Argument Analysis; Moral Choices in Life; Introduction to Philosophy of Religion; Introduction to Knowledge and Reality; Introduction to Ethics; Philosophy in the World: Truth, Lies, and Bullshit (Upper-Level); Roots and Results of Democracy (Upper-Level)

Lecturer in Philosophy (With Renewable Three-Year Contract), *California State Polytechnic University, Pomona*

- Spring 2009, Spring 2011 – Present

- Courses: Critical Thinking; Introduction to Philosophy; Ethical Problems of Contemporary Life

Lead Pastor / Church Planter, *Symposia Covenant Church*

- January 2020 – Present
- I serve as the lead pastor of a church plant of the *Evangelical Covenant Church* (a Lutheran pietist denomination) that started from scratch and grew to around 50 people after a little over a year. It started as a house church in September 2018 and, eventually, became an official church plant of ECC in January 2020. The church is awarded by the denomination with around \$130,000 for 3 years to fund its activities.

Church Planter, *The Evangelical Covenant Church*

- January 2020 – Present
- Assessed and Approved by the Denomination to Plant Churches

Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, *Azusa Pacific University*

- Spring 2013 - Present
- Course: Introduction to Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy (Upper-Level), Introduction to Philosophy (Online – using Canvas)

Writer, *The Collector*

- <https://www.thecollector.com/author/fidel-arnecillo/>

Writer, *Current*

- <https://currentpub.com/author/farnecillo/>

Lecturer in Philosophy (Adjunct), *University of Redlands*

- Fall 2017, Spring 2019
- Courses: Introduction to Philosophy and 17th – 18th Century Philosophy

Maguire Research Assistant, *Claremont Graduate University*

- Fall 2015
- Award Amount: \$3,000
- Adviser: Dr. Peter Thielke (*Pomona College – Philosophy Department*)
- Maguire Intercollegiate Award: “The fund is devoted to supporting CGU's students through teaching or research assistantships at The Claremont Colleges. A rate of \$3,000 per semester is provided for either TA or RA positions. Specifically, the fund is for creating opportunities for students to work closely with the undergraduate faculty.” [From CGU Website]
- Project: The task was to finish writing at least one chapter of my dissertation.

Visiting Faculty Member in Philosophy and Theology (Volunteer), *Asia Pacific Theological Seminary* (Philippines)

- July 2015

- Block Course: Apologetics (Graduate Course) [Note: I designed the course as a graduate course in philosophy of religion, rather than a typical course in apologetics.]

Research Assistant in Philosophy, *Claremont Graduate University*

- Summer 2014
- Award Amount: \$5,500
- Project: The award was given to help me make some time to continue working on my third and last folio paper: “Self-Deception and Theistic Belief.”

Instructor of Philosophy (Adjunct), *National University*

- December 2011
- Course: World Religions (Upper-Level / Online Course)

Lecturer in Philosophy (Adjunct), *Mount Saint Mary’s College*

- Fall 2010
- Course: Moral Values and Ethical Decisions

Research Assistant in Philosophy, *Claremont Graduate University*

- Spring 2009
- Award Amount: \$3,000
- Research Topic: Causation in 17th Century Philosophy
- Research Director: Dr. Patricia Easton

Instructor of Philosophy (Adjunct), *San Bernardino Valley College*

- Fall 2001 – Summer 2008
- Courses: Introduction to Philosophy; Introduction to Critical Thinking; Introduction to Logic; Introduction to Ethics; Introduction to Philosophy (Hybrid)

Instructor of Philosophy (Adjunct), *East Los Angeles College*

- Spring 2003
- Course: Introduction to Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS:

From Wonder to Wisdom: Introductory Readings in Philosophy [edited]. San Diego: Cognella Academic Publishing, 2019.

“Filipino Pentecostals in the Diaspora.” In *Brill Encyclopedia of Global Pentecostalism* [section on Pentecostalism in Southeast Asia and Oceania that is edited by Ekaputra Tupamahu and Tanya Riches]. Forthcoming in 2025.

Book Review: James W. Thompson, *Christ and Culture in the New Testament* (Eugene: Cascade Books, 2023) for *Asian Journal of Pentecostal Studies*. Forthcoming in Fall 2024.

“Why Did Kant Think the Ontological Proof for God’s Existence Failed?” *The Collector* (August 7, 2023) / Link: <https://www.thecollector.com/kant-ontological-proof-failed/> [Note: *The Collector* is an online magazine on the humanities, history, art, culture, philosophy, literature, etc.]

“Under the Spell of Stupidity.” *Current* (September 13, 2021) / Link: <https://currentpub.com/2021/09/13/under-the-spell-of-stupidity/> [Note: *Current* is an online journal of commentary and opinion on contemporary culture, politics, and ideas.]

“Worrisome Implications of a Buddhist View of Selflessness and Moral Action: A Response to Leah Kalmanson.” In *Self or No-Self?: The Debate about Selflessness and the Sense of Self*, edited by Ingolf U. Dalferth and Trevor W. Kimball, 233 – 237. Tubingen: Mohr Siebeck Publisher, 2017.

“Kant’s Refutation of the Ontological Proof.” Ph.D. Diss., Claremont Graduate University, 2017.

PRESENTATIONS:

Guest Speaker, “Should There Even Be An Asian Pentecostal Understanding of God?” *Asia Pentecostal Society’s Academic Conference* in conjunction with the *32nd Annual William Menzies Lectureship* (with Dr. Frank Macchia as the 2024 lecturer) at the *Asia Pacific Theological Seminary* in Baguio City, Philippines, January 29 – February 2, 2024 [Forthcoming]

Panelist, Responding to Keith Ward’s presentation on his book, *Personal Idealism* (Fortress Press, 2022), at the *International Online Open and Relational Theology Conference*, February 10 – 11, 2023

Panelist, Responding to Andrew M. Davis’s presentation on his book, *Mind, Value, and Cosmos: On the Relational Nature of Ultimacy* (Lexington Books, 2020), at the *International Online Open and Relational Theology Conference*, February 19, 2022

Sole Presenter, “Uniqueness and Identity.” Paper presented for a philosophy talk at the *University of Redlands*, March 22, 2018

Presenter, “Uniqueness and Identity.” Paper presented at the 5th Annual Claremont Forum Humanum Seminar: The Unique, the Singular, and the Individual: The Debate about the Non-Comparable, *Claremont Graduate University*, February 22, 2018.

Commenter, Chris DiBona’s “A Practice-Based Approach to Divine Singularity: An Emerging Trend in Continental Philosophy and Theology” at the 5th Annual Claremont Forum Humanum Seminar: The Unique, the Singular, and the Individual: The Debate about the Non-Comparable, *Claremont Graduate University*, February 22, 2018

Presenter, “Privately Religious and Publicly Liberal.” Paper presented at the 8th Annual Religions in Conversation Conference: Religion and Politics: Governance, Power, and the Sacred, *Claremont Graduate University*, February 27 - 28, 2015

Commenter, “Worrisome Implications of a Buddhist View of Selflessness and Moral Action: A Response to Prof. Kalmanson.” Response presented at the 36th Annual Philosophy of Religion Conference: Self or No-Self: The Debate about Selflessness and the Sense of Self, *Claremont Graduate University*, February 20 - 21, 2015

Presenter, “What exactly is Kant’s Problem with the Ontological Proof?” Paper presented at the Conference on Early Modern Philosophy (sponsored by The Philosopher’s Guild of Claremont), *Claremont Graduate University*, May 3, 2013.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Udo Keller Stiftung Forum Humanum – Claremont Conference Grant (2018) [Award Amount: \$2,200] – “The Udo Keller Stiftung Forum Humanum (Hamburg) has generously provided 10 conference grants (\$2,200 each) to enable doctoral students and new PhDs (not earlier than 2013) to participate in the conference. The grant is meant to cover all expenses.” [From CGU Website] The award is for my paper with following title: “Uniqueness and Identity.”

Maguire Research Assistantship (Fall 2015), *Claremont Graduate University* [Award Amount: \$3,000] – “The fund is devoted to supporting CGU's students through teaching or research assistantships at The Claremont Colleges. A rate of \$3,000 per semester is provided for either TA or RA positions. Specifically, the fund is for creating opportunities for students to work closely with the undergraduate faculty.” [From CGU Website]

Fernandez Prize in Philosophy (May 2015), *Claremont Graduate University* [Award Amount: \$500] – It is a recognition for demonstrating excellence in my work and service for the philosophy department during the 2014 – 2015 academic year.

Research Assistantship in Philosophy (Summer 2014), *Claremont Graduate University* [Award Amount: \$5,500]

Student Mentorship in Philosophy (2011 – 2012), *Claremont Graduate University* [Award Amount: \$1,000]

Research Assistantship in Philosophy (Spring 2009), *Claremont Graduate University* [Award Amount: \$3,000]

James & Anahita Lovelace Fellowship (2000 – 2002), *Claremont Graduate University*

Minority Fellowship (2001 – 2002), *Claremont Graduate University*

Tuition Scholarship 1998 – 2000, *Yale University*

Magna Cum Laude, *Point Loma Nazarene College* (PLNC)

Member, *Sigma Phi Mu* [The Honor Society of PLNC]

President’s Scholarship 1996 – 1997, *Point Loma Nazarene College*

Dean’s List 1996 – 1997, *Point Loma Nazarene College*

G.P.A. Scholarship 1994 – 1996, *Liberty University*

National Dean’s List Award 1994 – 1995

Dean’s List 1994 – 1996, *Liberty University*

Vice-President's List 1994, Southwestern Community College

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Read and Review Thomas Jay Oord's *Pluriform Love: An Open and Relational Theology* before it is released on February 2022

Voice, *Center for Open and Relational Theology* (see c4ort.com)

Chair, Colloquium on Perception – “Agency, Dissimulation, and Social Perception” at 2018 Pacific Division Meeting of the *American Philosophical Association* at Westin Hotel (San Diego, CA) – March 29, 2018

Debate Judge, *Southern California Regional High School Ethics Bowl at Chapman University* (Orange, CA) – February 3, 2018

Founding Committee Chairman, *Francine Arneccillo Tuition Scholarship Fund* – FATSF aims to pay the full-year tuition and administrative fees of at least one graduating M.A. or M.Div. student at *Asia Pacific Theological Seminary* in Baguio City, Philippines. As the committee chairman, I raise funds, promote FATSF, and lead committee members in determining how many awardees for a particular year and selecting the awardees. It supported 2 students in the 2015-2016 academic year.

Textbook Reviewer (August 2016), *The World of Philosophy: An Introductory Reader* by Steven M. Cahn (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016) [Honorarium: \$450 worth of books from Oxford University Press]

Textbook Reviewer (May 2014), *The World of Philosophy: An Introductory Reader* (proposal / under consideration) by Steven M. Cahn (New York: Oxford University Press) [Honorarium: \$250 worth of books from Oxford University Press]

Textbook Reviewer (November 2013), *Philosophy: The Quest for Truth* (9th edition) by Louis P. Pojman and Lewis Vaughn (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014) [Honorarium: \$125 worth of books from Oxford University Press]

Textbook Reviewer (Summer 2012), *The Ethical Life: Fundamental Readings in Ethics and Moral Problems* (2nd Edition) by Russ Shafer-Landau (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012) [Honorarium: \$300 worth of books from Oxford University Press]

Textbook Reviewer (Summer 2012), *An Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology* (proposal / under consideration) by Jack S. Crumley II (Peterborough: Broadview Press) [Honorarium: \$190 worth of books from Broadview Press]

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE:

Student Mentor in Philosophy, *Claremont Graduate University*

- 2011 – 2012 Academic Year

- Award Amount: \$1,000
- Duties: Organizing / Hosting Conferences and Talks in Philosophy
- Supervisor: Dr. Patricia Easton

Single Adult / College Pastor (Part-Time), *Charisma Life Church* [SEP]

- January 2004 – May 2010 [SEP]
- I served in an Assembly of God church with 600 – 700 members in Pomona, California. I was the single adult / college pastor, an adult Sunday school teacher, a small group leader, a worship leader, and an occasional Sunday morning speaker. [SEP]

Reference Clerk (Part-Time), *Corona Public Library*

- April 2003 – January 2004
- Worked at the reference desk: assisted library patrons in using library resources and searching for research materials
- Selected and ordered books for the philosophy and psychology sections of the library

Reference Clerk (Part-Time), *Upland Public Library*

- July 2001 – September 2003
- Worked at the reference desk: assisted library patrons in using library resources and searching for research materials
- Selected and ordered books for the philosophy and psychology sections of the library

Library Assistant (Part-Time), *Honnold –Mudd Library of the Claremont Colleges*

- August 2000 – May 2002
- Worked at the copy center of the library: assisted customers of the copy center
- Operated high quality photocopiers, binding machines, fax machine, cash register machine, etc.

Library Assistant (Part-Time), *Yale University Library*

- September 1998 – May 2000
- Worked directly under the Divinity School librarian as an administrative assistant
- Worked as a data entry clerk for the different departments of the Yale Divinity School library

LANGUAGES:

English, Tagalog, German (Reading), Koine Greek (Reading)

LIST OF GRADUATE COURSES:

Yale University: Kant (Allen W. Wood, Ph.D. *Yale*); Kant's Ethics (Wood); Hegel's Phenomenology (Wood); Kierkegaard's Either / Or (Karsten Harries, Ph.D. *Yale*); Nietzsche and Tragedy (Harries); Philosophy of Religion (Nicholas Wolterstorff, Ph.D. *Harvard*); Concept of God (Wolterstorff); St. Anselm of Canterbury (Marilyn McCord Adams, Ph.D. *Cornell*); Medieval to Reformation (Adams); Hegel's Aesthetics (Pierre Keller, Ph.D. *Columbia*); Berkeley, Hume, Reid (Keith DeRose, Ph.D. *UCLA*); The Philosophical

Theology of Paul Tillich (David H. Kelsey, Ph.D. *Yale*); Systematic Theology I (Kelsey); Modern and Contemporary Christian Thought (Cyril O'Regan, Ph.D. *Yale*); Literature and Legacy of Genesis (Larry Lyke, Ph.D. *Harvard*); Greek Exegesis: Ephesians (Judith Gundry-Volf, Dr. Theol. *Tübingen*)

Claremont Graduate University: Epistemology (John M. Vickers, Ph.D. *Stanford*); Philosophy of Language (Vickers); Logic II (Vickers); Logical Positivism (Vickers); Tutorial Reading: Philosophy of Science (Vickers); Logic and Argumentation (Charles Young, Ph.D. *Johns Hopkins*); Seminar on Aristotle (Young); Self-Deception and Epistemic Rationality (Dion Scott-Kakures, Ph.D. *Michigan*); Descartes, Cartesianism, and Desgabes [audit] (Patricia Easton, Ph.D. *Western Ontario*); Cartesian Metaphysics: Mind-Body Problem (Easton); Kant (Easton); 20th Century Ethics (Kurt Norlin, Ph.D. *UC, Irvine*); Folio and Dissertation Research Seminar (Easton / Young); Early Analytic Philosophy [audit] (Masahiro Yamada, Ph.D. *NYU*); Early German Idealism [audit] (Peter Thielke, Ph.D. *UCSD*)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Member, *California Faculty Association*
Member, *Asian Pentecostal Society*

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE LIST:

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