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**Professor of Philosophy and Dean of School**  
**The Cambridge School of Dallas**

Education

- B.A. in University Scholars, Baylor University, 1997, Summa cum laude
- M.Div. BL, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1999
- Th.M. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2001
- M.A. in Philosophy, Baylor University, 2004
- Ph.D in Philosophy, Baylor University, 2009
- Dissertation: Forgiveness in Kierkegaard's Ethic of Neighbor Love

Honors and Awards

- Presidential Doctoral Scholar, Baylor University, 2003–2006
- Phi Beta Kappa, Baylor University, Zeta Chapter of Texas
- Phi Sigma Tau, Baylor University, Alpha Chapter of Texas
- Baker Book Award, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1999

Areas of Specialization

- Ethics
- Forgiveness
- Kierkegaard
- Philosophy of Religion

Areas of Competence

- Epistemology
- Modern Philosophy
- Medieval Philosophy
- Logic

Presentations

- Baylor University Scholar's Day, 8 March 2004, "Faith Seeking Understanding: A Procedural Inquiry."
- University of Texas at San Antonio Philosophy Symposium, 6 November 2004, "Hegel, Love, and the Dialectic of Perception."
- Society of Christian Philosophers Eastern Regional Meeting, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky, 4-6 December 2004, "Kierkegaard and the Possibility of the Gift."

- Baylor University Scholar's Day, 4 February 2005, "Kierkegaard and the Possibility of the Gift."
- Loyola University (Chicago) Graduate Conference, 18-20 March 2005, "Kierkegaard and the Possibility of the Gift."
- Dallas Baptist University Paidia Conference, 1-2 April 2005, "Faith Seeking Understanding: A Procedural Inquiry."
- Hume and His Critics: A Conference on the Scottish Enlightenment, Baylor University, 14-16 April 2005, "Flickers of Reidian Freedom."
- Society of Christian Philosophers Eastern Regional Meeting, Columbia International University, Columbia, South Carolina – April 20-21 April 2007 – "A Kierkegaardian Response to Simon Wiesenthal's *The Sunflower*"
- Inaugural Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Friendship: Quests for Character, Community, and Truth, Baylor University, 25-27 October 2007, "Plato's *Lysis*: Philosophical Friendship in Argument and Action."
- Midwestern Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers in Shawnee, OK, 23-25 April 2009, "Kierkegaard and the Obligation to Forgive Foolishly."
- 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, 18 November 2009, "Kierkegaard and the Obligation to Forgive Foolishly."
- Society of Christian Philosophers Midwest Regional Conference, February 24-26, 2011, "Justice, Obligations, Rights, and Forgiveness: A Kierkegaardian Response to Wolterstorff." In conjunction with Benjamin Arbour.
- Society of Christian Philosophers Midwest Regional Conference, March 22-24, 2012 Hendrix College, Conway, AR, "God's Hatred and Natural Inherent Human Rights: A Critique of Supralapsarianism."
- Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, 14-17 November, 2012, "Kierkegaardian Forgiveness and the Condonation Objection."
- Inaugural Theology for the Church Conference, Normandale Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, February 2013, "Forgiveness and Kierkegaard's Agapeistic Ethic."
- The Cambridge School of Dallas Faculty Lyceum, September 17, 2015, "The Christian Life as Apologetic: Or, Why Bearing Witness is More Important than Winning Arguments."

### Publications

- "Forgiveness and Kierkegaard's Agapeistic Ethic," *Philosophia Christi* 12:1 (2009): 29-45.
- "Should We Fear That We Are Deluded? Comments on Dawkins' *The God Delusion*," *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 54:1 (Fall 2011): 29-44.

In process:

- “God’s Hatred and Natural Inherent Human Rights: A Critique of Supralapsarianism.”
- “Kierkegaardian Forgiveness and the Condonation Objection.”
- “Justice, Obligations, Rights, and Forgiveness: A Kierkegaardian Response to Wolterstorff.” In conjunction with Benjamin Arbour.
- “Flickers of Reidian Freedom: Thomas Reid and Frankfurt-style Examples.”

Forthcoming:

- An essay on Kierkegaard for *Christian Theology and Modern Philosophers*, under contract with Zondervan Academic, due to be published early 2017.
- An essay on Eleonore Stump’s narrative approach to the problem of suffering as expressed in *Wandering in Darkness for Evil and Some of Its Theological Problems*, to be published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

### Professional Associations

- Full Member of:
  - American Philosophical Association
  - Evangelical Philosophical Society
  - Evangelical Theological Society
  - Society of Christian Philosophers
- Chair of 2012 Southwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society
- Elected Program Chair for the 2014 Southwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society
- Chair of 2015 Southwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society

### Teaching Experience

- Harvest Christian School – 2001-2002. Taught seven courses a day in middle school and high school, including Bible, English, Earth Science, and Algebra.
- Teaching Assistant, Baylor University, 2004-2006. Courses taught: Introduction to Logic and Introduction to Philosophy, two sections each.
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2006-2013.
  - Masters courses taught include Spiritual Formation, Basic Christian Ethics (core MDiv course), Philosophy of Religion (core MDiv course), Christian Apologetics (core MDiv course), Critical Thinking, Intermediate Logic, Postmodernism, Kierkegaard’s Religious Writings, Authority and Revelation, God and Evil, Epistemology, and Forgiveness.
  - Doctoral courses taught include Ethics Reading Seminar I and II, Philosophy Reading Seminar I and II, Forgiveness, God and Time, Justice, and British Empiricists.

- Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Weatherford College, Weatherford, Texas, 2013-present.
- Secondary Bible Instructor, Pantego Christian Academy, Arlington, Texas, 2013-14. 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 11/12<sup>th</sup> grade Bible classes – high school focus on Old Testament and Christian Worldview and Philosophy.
- Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Senior Tutorial Program, The Cambridge School of Dallas, Dallas, Texas. Teach classes in logic, philosophy, apologetics, and Socratic tradition. Direct the tutorial program, in which each member of the senior class prepares a research paper to be presented before the Cambridge community.

### Administrative Experience

- The chairs of our departments and divisions at Southwestern Seminary rotated annually. I served as division chair once (2011-12) and department chair twice (2010-11, 2012-13).
- Research Doctoral Council, 2011-2013.
- Student supervisor for multiple special master's degree students. Served as a reader on several professional and research doctoral dissertations. Also supervised several doctoral students writing dissertations in, for example:
  - Speech Act Theory: Scripture as Presentational Discourse
  - A Defense of Christian Idealism
  - A Defense of Libertarian Freedom
  - An Analysis of the Divine Freedom Dilemma
  - Medieval Angelology
- Faculty Coordinator for Classics, Theology, and Fine Arts, The Cambridge School of Dallas, 2014-present. Also supervise faculty and guide curriculum development and budgetary matters in three areas of the school.
- Dean of School, The Cambridge School of Dallas, 2015-present. Responsible for oversight of curriculum, faculty, and all academic matters.

### References

- Robert C. Roberts, Distinguished Professor of Ethics, Baylor University, [Robert\\_Roberts@baylor.edu](mailto:Robert_Roberts@baylor.edu)
- C. Stephen Evans, University Professor of Philosophy and Humanities, Baylor University, [C\\_Stephen\\_Evans@baylor.edu](mailto:C_Stephen_Evans@baylor.edu)
- George Klein, Professor of Old Testament, Senior Associate Dean for the Research Doctoral Program, and Chair of the Old Testament Department, [gklein@swbts.edu](mailto:gklein@swbts.edu)
- Additional references available upon request