

Dr. Greg Welty

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT | EDUCATION | PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT | PUBLICATIONS

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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

- ***Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (2010 – present)***
 - Professor of Philosophy [\[link\]](#)
 - Program Coordinator, Master of Arts in Philosophy of Religion (since 2012) [\[link\]](#)

EDUCATION

- ***D.Phil. in Philosophical Theology, Oriel College, University of Oxford (2006)*** [\[link\]](#)
 - Supervisor: Richard Swinburne (University of Oxford)
 - Dissertation: *Theistic Conceptual Realism: The Case for Interpreting Abstract Objects as Divine Ideas* [\[link\]](#)
 - Examiners at oral defense: Brian Leftow (University of Oxford), Paul Helm (University of London)
- ***M.Phil. in Philosophical Theology, Oriel College, University of Oxford (2000)*** [\[link\]](#)
 - Supervisor: Richard Swinburne
 - Thesis: *An Examination of Theistic Conceptual Realism as an Alternative to Theistic Activism* [\[link\]](#)
 - Examination papers passed:
 - Philosophy of Religion (tutor: Richard Swinburne)
 - Development of Christian Doctrine to AD 451 (tutor: Mark Edwards)
 - History of Philosophical Theology – Medieval, Modern (tutors: Richard Cross, Keith Ward)
 - Examiners at oral defense: Keith Ward, Hugh Rice, Mark Edwards
- ***M.Div., Westminster Theological Seminary in California (1996)*** [\[link\]](#)
- ***B.A. in Philosophy (summa cum laude), University of California, Los Angeles (1993)*** [\[link\]](#)

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

- ***Grace Baptist Church of Wake Forest (2013 – 2019)*** [\[link\]](#)
 - Elder
- ***Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (2003 – 2010)***
 - Assistant Professor of Philosophy
 - Assistant Dean, Division of Ethics and Philosophical Studies
- ***University of Oxford (October 2000 – October 2001)***
 - Stipendiary Lecturer in Philosophy, Regent's Park College
- ***University of California, San Diego (1996 – 1998)***
 - Desktop Publishing Specialist, Dept. of Neurosciences
- ***Westminster Theological Seminary in California (1993 – 1996)***
 - Teaching Assistant for John Frame
- ***Becker CPA Review Course, Los Angeles, California (1987 – 1996)***
 - Computer Graphic Artist

PUBLICATIONS [\[AMAZON PAGE\]](#)

- **Books**
 - Greg Welty, *40 Questions on Suffering and Evil* (Kregel Publications, forthcoming). [contracted for 2023 submission]
 - Greg Welty, *Alvin Plantinga (Great Thinkers: A Series)* (P&R Publishing, forthcoming). [contracted for 2022 submission]
 - Greg Welty, *Why Is There Evil in the World?* (Christian Focus Publications, 2018). [\[link\]](#)

- **Books Edited**

- John D. Laing, Kirk R. MacGregor, and Greg Welty (eds.), *Calvinism and Middle Knowledge: A Conversation* (Pickwick Publications, 2019). [\[link\]](#)
- Series Editor (with James Anderson, RTS-Charlotte): *The Big Ten – Critical Questions Answered*, Christian Focus Publications. [\[link\]](#)
 - William Edgar, *Does Christianity Really Work?* (Christian Focus, 2016)
 - James Anderson, *Why Should I Believe Christianity?* (Christian Focus, 2016)
 - Ben Skaug, *How Could a Loving God Send Anyone to Hell?* (Christian Focus, 2020)
 - Timothy Paul Jones, *Why Should I Trust the Bible?* (Christian Focus, 2020)
 - Mark Coppenger, *If Christianity Is So Good, Why Are Christians So Bad?* (Christian Focus, 2022)
 - Ransom Poythress, *Has Science Made God Unnecessary?* (Christian Focus, 2022)
 - (Three more volumes projected in the series.)

- **Book Chapters**

- “The Conceptualist Argument,” in Colin Ruloff (ed.), *Contemporary Arguments in Natural Theology: God and Rational Belief* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2021). [\[link\]](#) [\[link\]](#)
- “Richard Swinburne: Pioneering Analytic Apologetics,” in Benjamin K. Forrest, Joshua D. Chatraw, and Alister E. McGrath (eds.), *The History of Apologetics: A Biographical and Methodological Introduction* (Zondervan Academic, 2020) [pp. 714-733]. [\[link\]](#)
- “The Evolution of Molinism,” in John D. Laing, Kirk R. MacGregor, and Greg Welty (eds.), *Calvinism and Middle Knowledge: A Conversation* (Pickwick Publications, 2019). [\[link\]](#)
- “Molinist Gunslingers: God and the Authorship of Sin,” in John D. Laing, Kirk R. MacGregor, and Greg Welty (eds.), *Calvinism and Middle Knowledge: A Conversation* (Pickwick Publications, 2019). [\[link\]](#)
- “Molinist Gun Control: A Flawed Proposal? A Reply to Ken Keathley’s ‘Friendly Response’,” in John D. Laing, Kirk R. MacGregor, and Greg Welty (eds.), *Calvinism and Middle Knowledge: A Conversation* (Pickwick Publications, 2019). [\[link\]](#)
- “Open theism, risk-taking, and the problem of evil,” in Ben Arbour (ed.), *Philosophical Essays Against Open Theism (Routledge Studies in Philosophy of Religion)* (Routledge, 2018). [\[link\]](#) [\[link\]](#) [\[review\]](#) [\[review\]](#)
- “Molinist Gunslingers: God and the Authorship of Sin,” ch. 2 of David E. Alexander and Daniel M. Johnson (eds.), *Calvinism and the Problem of Evil* (Pickwick Publications, 2016). [\[link\]](#)
- “Theistic Conceptual Realism,” ch. 3 of Paul Gould (ed.), *Beyond the Control of God? Six Views on the Problem of God and Abstract Objects* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2014). [\[link\]](#) [\[review\]](#) [\[review\]](#)
- “Election and Calling: A Biblical Theological Study,” published in Brad Waggoner and E. Ray Clendenen (eds.), *Calvinism: A Southern Baptist Dialogue* (Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Academic, 2008), pp. 216-243. [\[link\]](#)

- **Journal Articles**

- “Do Divine Conceptualist Accounts Fail? A Response to Chapter 5 of *God over All*,” *Philosophia Christi* Vol. 21, No. 2 (2019), pp. 255-266. [\[link\]](#)
- “Chance, Randomness, and Providence: Continuing A Conversation,” in *Sapientia* (periodical of the Carl F. H. Henry Center for Theological Understanding, at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School), October 4, 2019 [\[link\]](#), for the Creation Project. [\[link\]](#)
- Greg Welty and Steven Cowan, “Won’t Get Foiled Again: A Rejoinder to Jerry Walls,” *Philosophia Christi* Vol. 17, No. 2 (Winter 2015): 427-442. [\[link\]](#)
- Steve Cowan and Greg Welty, “Addendum: More Rebuttals of Walls from Pharaoh’s Magicians’ ‘Bag of Tricks’!”, *Evangelical Philosophical Society* website, September 16, 2015, 1-12. [\[link\]](#)
- Steve Cowan and Greg Welty, “Pharaoh’s Magicians Redivivus: A Response to Jerry Walls on Christian Compatibilism,” *Philosophia Christi* Vol. 17, No. 1 (Summer 2015): 151-173. [\[link\]](#)

- James N. Anderson and Greg Welty, “In Defense of the Argument for God from Logic,” *Evangelical Philosophical Society* website, September 1, 2013, 1-16. [\[link\]](#)
- James N. Anderson and Greg Welty, “The Lord of Non-Contradiction: An Argument for God from Logic,” *Philosophia Christi* Vol. 13, No. 2 (2011): 321-338. [\[link\]](#)
- “Truth as Divine Ideas: A Theistic Theory of the Property ‘Truth’,” published in *Southwestern Journal of Theology* (Vol. 47, No. 1), Fall 2004, pp. 57-70.
- Kimberly A. Schafer, Greg Welty, and Ronald G. Thomas, “Use of the world wide web in data dissemination to central review committees,” published in *Controlled Clinical Trials* Vol. 19, Issue 3, Supplement 1, June 1998, p. S81. [\[link\]](#)
- “Divine Command Ethics as the Basis of the Christian Life,” published in *The Mars Hill Forum* (Winter 1996) [journal of the Van Til Society, Westminster Theological Seminary in California].

• Book Reviews

- “Review of *The Future of Open Theism: From Antecedents to Opportunities*. Richard Rice. IVP Academic, 2020.” in *Faith and Philosophy* (Vol. 38, Iss. 2), 2021, pp. 294-9. [\[link\]](#)
- “Review of *Free Will and God’s Universal Causality: The Dual Sources Account*. W. Matthews Grant. New York and London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2019,” in *Philosophia Christi* Vol. 22, No. 1 (2020), pp. 159-164 [\[link\]](#).
- “Review of *Reason and Faith: Themes from Richard Swinburne*. Michael Bergmann and Jeffrey E. Brower, eds. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016,” in *Themelios* Volume 41, Issue 2 (August 2016). [\[link\]](#)
- “Review of *The Metaphysics of Perfect Beings*. Michael J. Almeida. New York: Routledge, 2008,” in *Faith and Philosophy* Vol. 28, No. 4 (2011). [\[link\]](#)
- Daniel Hill (Univ. of Liverpool) and Greg Welty, “Review of *Persons: Human and Divine*. Peter van Inwagen and Dean W. Zimmerman, eds. New York: Oxford University Press, 2007,” published in *Ars Disputandi* Volume 9 (2009), pp. 106-114. [\[link\]](#)
- Daniel Hill (Univ. of Liverpool) and Greg Welty, “Review of *Alvin Plantinga*. Deane-Peter Baker, ed. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007,” published in *Philosophy in Review*, April 2009 (Vol. 29, No. 2), pp. 82-85. [\[link\]](#)
- “Book Notes: *A Concise Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Religion*. By Anthony C. Thiselton,” published in *Southwestern Journal of Theology* (Vol. 47, No. 1), Fall 2004, pp. 73-82.

• Other

- “What Is a Christian Worldview?”, *Intersect: Where Faith Meets Culture*, January 19, 2021. [\[link\]](#)
- “The Problem of Evil: An Essay,” part of the *Concise Theology* project at *The Gospel Coalition* website, April 2020. [\[link\]](#)
- “From Circumcision to Baptism: A Baptist Covenantal Rejoinder to John Calvin,” A White Paper Published by *the Center for Theological Research* (June 2006), Malcolm B. Yarnell, Director. [\[link\]](#)
- “Eschatological Fulfilment and the Confirmation of Mosaic Law – A Response to D. A. Carson and Fred Zaspel on Matthew 5:17-48” (March 2002). [\[link\]](#) (D. A. Carson replies in Tremper Longman III and David E. Garland (gen. eds.), *The Expositor’s Bible Commentary (Revised Edition)* (Zondervan, 2010), 9:175-77.)
- “A Critical Evaluation of Infant Baptism” (Reformed Baptist Publications, 1996) [\[link\]](#) [\[link\]](#)

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES

- Read paper: “A Response to William Lane Craig’s *God Over All: Divine Aseity and the Challenge of Platonism*,” at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division 2019 Annual Meeting (January 9th). This ‘Author Meets Critics’ session also included a response to Craig from Peter van Inwagen, and a reply to both papers by William Lane Craig.
- Read paper: “Pharaoh’s Magicians Redivivus: A Response to Jerry Walls on Christian Compatibilism,” at the November 2013 meeting of the *Evangelical Philosophical Society* (Baltimore, MD) (November 19th).

- Read paper: “Molinist Gun Control: A Flawed Proposal? A Reply to Ken Keathley’s ‘Friendly Response’,” at the November 2013 meeting of the *Evangelical Theological Society* (Baltimore, MD) (November 20th).
- Read paper: “The Evolution of Molinism” (session on *Middle Knowledge and the Doctrine of Creation*), at the November 2012 meeting of the *Evangelical Theological Society* (Milwaukee, WI) (November 14th).
- Read paper: “A Theistic Argument from the Laws of Logic” at the SEBTS 20/20 Conference (Spring 2011).
- Read paper: “Molinist Gunslingers: God and the Authorship of Sin” (SYSTH-5, Issues) at the November 2010 meeting of the *Evangelical Theological Society* (Atlanta, GA) (November 18th).
- Moderated session B-5 (2:50pm-6pm) of the November 2010 meeting of the *Evangelical Philosophical Society* (Atlanta, GA) (November 17th).
- Read paper and led discussion on “Philosophical Objections to Molinism,” in THE 7950 Contemporary Theological Issues (June 30th, 2010, class taught by Dr. Ken Keathley).
- Read paper: “Election and Calling: A Biblical Theological Study” (Nov. 27, 2007) at the *Building Bridges Conference*, LifeWay Christian Center in Ridgecrest, NC (co-sponsored by SEBTS and Founders Ministries).
- Read paper: “God Learns, God Repents: Open Theism and Scripture,” read at the September 2003 meeting of the Center for Theological Research, SWBTS.
- Read paper: “Theistic Conceptual Realism: Does it Escape Armstrong’s Criticisms of Predicate Nominalism, Concept Nominalism, and Transcendent Realism?” (June 2002). Presented to the *Tyndale House Conference on the Philosophy of Religion*, Cambridge, UK (Paul Helm, Chair).
- Read paper: “Can Abstract Objects Be Divine Ideas?” (January 2000). Presented to the *Joseph Butler Society for the Philosophy of Religion*, Oriel College, University of Oxford.
- Commentator (May 2000), *The Gifford Bequest International Conference on Natural Theology*, Aberdeen, Scotland. Read my defense of perfect being theology, in response to “What It Takes To Be God,” a paper by Jeanine Diller (Seattle Pacific University).
- Read paper: “What are Covenants: Contracts Between God and Man?” (November 2000). Presented to the Graduate Christian Forum of the Oxford Graduate Christian Union, University of Oxford.

REFEREE

- *Faith and Philosophy*
- *Philosophia Christi*
- *Religious Studies*
- *Sophia*

AWARDS

- **University of Oxford**
 - *Graduate Scholarship* (Oriel College), renewed each year: 2001 – 2003
 - *Graduate Studentship* (Faculty of Theology), renewed each year: 1999 – 2003
 - *Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme*, renewed each year: 1998 – 2003
 - Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom
- **Westminster Theological Seminary in California**
 - *Van Til Scholarship Prize* for theological writing, Spring 1995
 - For paper: “A Brief Exposition and Evaluation of Gordon Clark’s ‘Antecedent Absolute Necessity’ of the Atonement”
- **University of California, Los Angeles**
 - Graduated *summa cum laude* (1993)
 - *Departmental Honors in Philosophy* (1993)
 - GPA in upper division philosophy courses must be 3.3
 - Two graduate courses in philosophy completed with average GPA of 3.5

- *Dean's Honors List* (all seven terms, Spring 1991 – Spring 1993)
- *Irene Wilde Scholarship*, 1991 – 1993

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

- Grace Baptist Church of Wake Forest, North Carolina (2010 – present)
 - Elder (2013-2019)
- Redeemer Church, Fort Worth, Texas (2008 – 2010)
- Heritage Baptist Church, Mansfield, Texas (2003 – 2008)
- Albert Street Chapel, Oxford (UK) (1998 – 2003)
 - Elder (2000 – 2003)
- Grace Bible Church of Escondido, California (1993 – 1998)
 - Pastor of college/career/young marrieds
- Placerita Baptist Church, Newhall, California (1988 – 1993)
 - Deacon (1990 – 1993)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Associate Professor of Philosophy (2010 – present)**
 - Undergraduate level courses taught
 - PHI1100 Introduction to Philosophy
 - PHI2500 Christian Philosophy
 - PHI3550 Epistemology
 - Masters level courses taught
 - PHI5100 Christian Philosophy
 - PHI6500 Christian Apologetics
 - PHI6530 Christian Faith and Science
 - PHI6550 Problem of Evil
 - PHI7510 Epistemology
 - PHI7510 Reality and Knowledge
 - PHI7550 Critical Thinking
 - PHI7610 Philosophical Theology
 - PHI7630 Philosophy of Religion
 - PHI7640 Philosophy of Mind
 - PHI7650 Religion and Science
 - PHI7660 Miracles and Resurrection
 - PHI7700 Seminar in Readings in Apologetics and Christian Philosophy
 - PHI7900 Selected Topics in Philosophy of Religion: The Freewill/Foreknowledge Dilemma
 - Doctoral level courses taught
 - PHD9101 Introduction to Research and Integration
 - PHI9201 Readings in Apologetics and Philosophy of Religion
 - PHI9202 Readings in Apologetics and Philosophy of Religion
 - PHI9500 Christian Apologetics
 - PHI9550 Philosophical Theology
 - PHI9850 Miracles and the Resurrection
 - PHI9900 The Coherence of Theism
 - PHI9930 Christian Faith and Science
 - PHI9950 Epistemology
 - PHI9960 Metaphysics
 - Student supervision
 - Supervisor for doctoral dissertation (2x)

- Reader for doctoral dissertation (3x)
 - Supervisor for masters thesis (10x)
 - Reader for masters thesis (12x)
- **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Assistant Professor of Philosophy (2003 – 2010)**
 - Masters level courses taught
 - PHILO 4313 Philosophy of Religion
 - PHILO 4373 Christian Apologetics
 - PHILO 4383 God and Evil
 - PHILO 4393 Open Theism
 - PHILO 5363 Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Determinism
 - PHILO 5364 Divine Freedom
 - PHILO 5373 Critical Thinking
 - PHILO 5393 Intermediate Logic
 - Doctoral level courses taught
 - PHILO 6722 Christian Responses to Suffering & Evil (D.Min.)
 - PHILO 7002 Philosophy of Religion Reading Sem I
 - PHILO 7012 Philosophy of Religion Reading Sem II
 - PHILO 7604 Contemporary Philosophical Theology
 - Student supervision
 - Supervisor for doctoral dissertation (1x)
 - Reader for doctoral dissertation (4x)
 - Supervisor for masters thesis (1x)
 - Reader for masters thesis (5x)
- **University of Oxford, Regent's Park College, Stipendiary Lecturer in Philosophy (2000 – 2001)**
 - Member of the Sub-Faculty of Philosophy
 - Examination papers taught
 - Introduction to Philosophy (Formal Logic, Descartes)
 - Knowledge & Reality (Epistemology & Metaphysics)
 - Philosophy of Religion
 - History of Philosophy
- **Westminster Theological Seminary in California, Teaching Assistant for John Frame (1993 – 1996)**
 - Responsibilities
 - Lecturing
 - Grading exams and papers
 - Conducting review sessions

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- **Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (2010 – present)**
 - Program Coordinator, Master of Arts in Philosophy of Religion (Summer 2012 – present)
 - Program Coordinator, Master of Arts in Apologetics and Christian Philosophy (Fall 2016 – present)
 - Admissions Committee (Fall 2011 – present)
- **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary**
 - Assessment Task Force (December 2007 – May 2010)
 - Planned and led divisional faculty meetings in order to develop faculty consensus on divisional objectives, student learning outcomes, and assessment methods
 - Worked with divisional faculty to develop a standardized rubric for assessing submitted research papers in philosophy and ethics
 - Worked with divisional faculty to standardize course objectives across all syllabi
 - Attended all task force meetings

- Assistant Dean, Division of Ethics and Philosophical Studies (January 2008 – July 2009)
 - Planned and led formal meetings of divisional faculty
 - Assessed divisional faculty for the Dean of the School of Theology
 - Participated as a voting member of the Seminary Admin Council (of associate and assistant deans), evaluating all curriculum proposals and changes
 - Researched and developed proposal for M.A. in Philosophy program
 - Liaison between divisional faculty and PhD program
 - Conducted PhD applicant interviews (25)
 - Audited PhD applicant transcripts in philosophy
 - Articulated, defended, and developed faculty consensus on divisional leveling requirements for entry into the PhD program
 - Planned and led divisional faculty meetings for assessment of submitted PhD prospectuses
 - Provided extensive commentary on PhD dissertation prospectuses for philosophy (3)
 - Administered and marked PhD entrance exams for philosophy (10)
 - Developed divisional faculty consensus on individual PhD applicants
 - Revised PhD comps reading lists in consultation with divisional faculty
 - Created and marked PhD comps exams for philosophy
- Seminary Master's Council (2006-2007)
- D.Min. Program Task Force (2005)
- The College at Southwestern Task Force (2004-2005)
 - Task Force (20 meetings)
 - Curriculum subcommittee (3 meetings)

ECCLESIASTICAL EXPERIENCE

- **Grace Baptist Church of Wake Forest, North Carolina (2010 – present)**
 - Elder, December 2013 – July 2019
 - Occasional preaching
 - Teach weekly adult Sunday School class on systematic theology
 - Open and close every Sunday morning service
 - Lead Wednesday evening prayer meeting
 - Participate in weekly elder and staff meetings
- **Redeemer Church, Fort Worth, Texas (2008-2010)**
 - Occasional preaching
- **Heritage Baptist Church, Mansfield, Texas (2003-2008)**
 - Occasional preaching
 - Taught high school/college Sunday School (Christian worldview)
 - Taught adult Sunday School (book of Romans)
- **Albert Street Chapel, Oxford (UK) (1998-2003)**
 - Elder, May 2000 – March 2003
 - Preached and led worship at Sunday morning and evening services
 - Pastoral visitation
 - Taught a weekly college/career Bible study
 - Led midweek prayer meetings
 - Assisted at baptismal and wedding services
- **Grace Bible Church of Escondido, California (1993-1998)**
 - Pastor of college/career/young marrieds
 - Taught and organized the weekly college/career Bible study of the church
 - Regularly taught both adult and high school Sunday School

- Led Sunday afternoon intern meetings among our seminary students
- Preached at Sunday morning and evening services
- Performed weddings
- Pulpit supply for other churches in the area
- **Placerita Baptist Church, Newhall, California (1988-1993)**
 - Deacon, 1990-1993
 - Provided care for elderly and widows in congregation
 - Approved specific disbursements of church “benevolent fund” to needy in congregation
 - Organized distribution of food and clothes to needy in surrounding community
 - Organized and led deacon meetings
 - Taught college/career Sunday School class for five years
 - Preached at Sunday evening services

BUSINESS POSITIONS HELD

- **Desktop Publishing Specialist, August 1996 - July 1998 (full-time)**
 - Alzheimer’s Disease Cooperative Study, Dept. of Neurosciences, UC San Diego [\[link\]](#)
 - Responsibilities included: web site development using HTML and the JavaScript, Perl, and UNIX (SunOS 5.5) programming languages; designing case report forms for controlled clinical drug trials; designing and producing of protocol-specific newsletters
- **Computer Graphic Artist, 1987-1990 (full-time), 1990-1996 (part-time)**
 - Becker CPA Review Course, Los Angeles, California (nationwide accounting education firm) [\[link\]](#)
 - Responsibilities included: designing and printing lecture outlines, charts, schedules, brochures, booklets, flyers, and magazine advertisements; conducting computer training seminars

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