

# Ryan West

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## EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Grove City College (2016–present)  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Philosophy, The Beacon Project, Wake Forest University (2015–2016)  
Teacher of Record, Baylor University (2014–2015)

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, Baylor University, 2016  
Dissertation: *Cultivating Character: Spiritual Exercises, Remedial Virtues, and the Formation of the Heart*  
Committee: Robert C. Roberts (chair), C. Stephen Evans, Christian Miller, Bob Kruschwitz, Michael Beaty  
M.A. Philosophy, Baylor University, 2015  
M.A. Philosophy of Religion and Ethics (highest honors), Talbot School of Theology (Biola University), 2004  
B.A. Biblical and Theological Studies, Music Minor (summa cum laude), Biola University, 2003

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Philosophical Psychology (moral and intellectual character, emotions), Philosophy of Religion

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of Philosophy (especially Ancient and Medieval), Applied Ethics, Epistemology, Symbolic Logic

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

“Christianity and Civilization,” Grove City College, Fall 2017 (x2)  
“Symbolic Logic,” Grove City College, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016 (x2)  
“Medieval Philosophy,” Grove City College, Fall 2017  
“Ancient Philosophy,” Grove City College, Spring 2017  
“Introduction to Ethics,” Grove City College, Spring 2017 (x2), Fall 2016  
“Contemporary Problems: Attention to Virtues,” Grove City College, Fall 2016  
“Introduction to Ethics: Living the Good Life,” Baylor University, Spring 2015, Fall 2014  
“Introduction to Philosophy,” North Whidbey Christian High School, Fall 2009–Spring 2010  
“Introduction to C. S. Lewis,” Arapahoe Community College, Spring 2007  
“Baylor Honors College Colloquium: C. S. Lewis’s *The Great Divorce*,” Spring 2015, Spring 2014  
“Baylor Honors College Colloquium: C. S. Lewis’s *The Four Loves*,” Fall 2013  
“Baylor Honors College Colloquium: C. S. Lewis’s *The Abolition of Man*,” Spring 2013  
Teaching Assistant, “Medical Ethics,” Professor David Solomon, Baylor University, Spring 2014  
Teaching Assistant, “Classical Philosophy,” Professor C. Stephen Evans, Baylor University, Spring 2012  
Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to Ethics: Community, Friendship, and the Virtues,” Professor Michael Beaty, Baylor University, Fall 2011

## EDITED VOLUME

*Integrity, Honesty, and Truth Seeking* (co-edited with Christian B. Miller), Oxford University Press (in progress).

## PUBLISHED ESSAYS

11. "Virtue Ethics is Empirically Adequate: A Defense of the CAPS Response to Situationism," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (forthcoming).
10. "Jesus and the Virtues of Pride" (with Robert C. Roberts), in *Pride*, ed. J. Adam Carter and Emma C. Gordon. Series: Rowman & Littlefield's *Moral Psychology of the Emotions*, ed. Mark Alfano.
9. "Cultivating Virtue: A Review Essay," *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (forthcoming).
8. "Ministry and Psychotherapy" (with Robert C. Roberts), in *SPCK Handbook of the Study of Ministry*, ed. Martyn Percy, Emma Percy, Ian Markham, and Francesca Po (forthcoming).
7. "Anger and the Virtues: A Critical Study in Virtue Individuation," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming)
6. "Natural Epistemic Defects and Corrective Virtues" (with Robert C. Roberts), *Synthese* 192:8 (2015): 2557–76.
5. "Contempt and the Cultivation of Character: Two Models," *Journal of Religious Ethics* 43:3 (2015): 493–519.
4. "Perceiving God through Natural Beauty" (with Adam C. Pelsler), *Faith and Philosophy* 32:3 (2015): 293–312.
3. "Getting Rid of Inappropriate Anger," in *Anger, Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics*, 53 (Waco, TX: The Institute for Faith and Learning at Baylor University, 2014): 21–9.
2. "Faith as a Passion and Virtue," *Res Philosophica* 90:4 (2013): 565–87.
1. (In progress) "Honesty: A Conceptual Analysis" (with Robert C. Roberts), in *Integrity, Honesty, and Truth Seeking*, ed. Christian B. Miller and Ryan West.

## BOOK REVIEW

1. Review of Kevin Timpe and Craig A. Boyd (eds.), *Virtues and Their Vices* (OUP, 2014), in *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (forthcoming).

## OTHER WORKS IN PROGRESS

5. "Respect as an Intellectual Virtue" (with Adam C. Pelsler), in *Intellectual Virtue and Civil Discourse*, ed. Gregg A. Ten Elshof, Thomas M. Crisp, Steve L. Porter (publisher TBD).
4. "Fostering Faith Amidst Emotional Doubts," in *Cultivating Christian Virtue*, ed. Michael W. Austin (publisher TBD).
3. "Remedial Virtues," in *Becoming Good*, ed. Adam C. Pelsler and W. Scott Cleveland (publisher TBD).
2. (Under review) [A paper on character formation]
1. "Cultivating Intellectual Humility (and Pride) in the Classroom"

## PAPERS PRESENTED

16. [A paper on character formation], Jubilee Centre Annual Conference, "Cultivating Virtues: Interdisciplinary Approaches," Oriel College, Oxford University, January 2016
15. "Cultivating Intellectual Humility (and Pride) in the Classroom," Kuyers Institute for Christian Teaching and Learning Conference, "Faith and Teaching: Virtue, Practice, Imagination," Calvin College, October 2015
14. "Respect as an Intellectual Virtue" (with Adam C. Pelsler), Fourth Annual Center for Christian Thought Conference, "Intellectual Virtue and Civil Discourse," Biola University, May 2015
13. [A paper on situationism and virtue ethics], American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, B. C., April 2015

12. "Plundering Seneca: Stoic Spiritual Practices and Christianity," Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, "Practical Religion," Spring Hill College, March 2015
11. "On Emotional Doubt," American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting (satellite), Washington D. C., October 2014; Fourth Annual HBU Philosophy Conference, "Religion, Science, and the Intellectual Virtues," Houston Baptist University, April 2014
10. "Perceiving God through Natural Beauty" (with Adam C. Pelser), Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers Biennial Meeting, Baylor University, October 2014
9. "Getting Rid of Inappropriate Anger," Third Annual Center for Christian Thought Conference, "Psychology and Spiritual Formation," Biola University, May 2014
8. "A Critique of Pure Reasons-Based Virtue Individuation," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 2014; Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Georgetown College, April 2013
7. "Natural Epistemic Defects and Corrective Virtues" (with Robert C. Roberts), Kuyers Institute for Christian Teaching and Learning Conference, "Virtues, Vices, and Teaching," Calvin College, October 2013
6. "Material Constitution and the Incarnation: A Tension in Baker's Account," Southwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, Dallas Theological Seminary, March 2013
5. "Body-Soul Interaction and the Theism-Naturalism Divide," National Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, Milwaukee, WI, November 2012
4. "Is Plato's Socrates a Proto-Jamesian?: The Will to Believe in the *Phaedo*," Annual Meeting of the Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University, October 2012
3. "Can God Have Emotions?" Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers Summer Seminar, "Emotion's Roles in the Moral Life," Notre Dame University, May 2012
2. "Emotion, Moral Knowledge, and Moral Motivation," Midwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, March 2012; First Place Award, 3rd Annual Evangelical Philosophical Society Midwest Region Student Paper Contest
1. "Hypocrisy and Moral Realism," Southwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, March 2012

## HONORS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS

Participant, Fundamental Practices for Intellectual Humility Summer Seminar, 2015 (travel funding, stipend)

Participant, The Character Project Summer Seminar, "Character: New Perspectives and Empirical Discoveries," 2013 (1 of 12 participants, selected from 210 applicants; travel funding, stipend)

American Philosophical Association Graduate Student Travel Stipend (2)

Conyers Scholar, Baylor University, 2013–4

First Place Award, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Evangelical Philosophical Society Midwest Region Student Paper Contest, 2012

Presidential Scholarship, Baylor University, 2011–present

Kappa Tau Epsilon Honor Society, Talbot School of Theology, 2004

Epsilon Kappa Epsilon Honor Society, Biola University, 2003

National Dean's List, Biola University, 2003

Dean's List, Biola University, 1999–2003

Presidential Academic Scholarship, Biola University, 1999–2003

## SERVICE

Referee, *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2015), *Social Theory and Practice* (2015), *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (2016)  
Session Chair, Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting (2015), Theistic Ethics Workshop at Wake Forest University (2015)

## GRADUATE COURSEWORK

### *Philosophical Psychology and Ethics*

Seminar: Intellectual Virtues (Robert C. Roberts)  
Seminar: Emotions and Virtues (Robert C. Roberts)  
Directed Study: Anger, Gratitude, and Forgiveness (Robert C. Roberts)  
Seminar: Philosophical Anthropology and the Philosophy of Mind/Soul (J. P. Moreland)  
Seminar: Philosophy of Mind (C. Stephen Evans)  
Seminar: Foundations of Moral Obligation (C. Stephen Evans)  
Seminar: History of Twentieth Century Ethics (David Solomon)  
Seminar: Ethical Issues I (Scott Rae)  
History and Normative Systems of Ethics (Rick Langer)  
Audit: Contemporary Ethics (Robert C. Roberts)  
Audit: Moral Philosophy (Robert Kruschwitz)  
Audit: Christian Ethics and Modern Culture (Douglas Groothuis)

### *Philosophy of Religion and Theology*

Seminar: Molinism (Jonathan Kvanvig)  
Philosophical Writing (course philosophical content is Philosophy of Religion) (Jonathan Kvanvig)  
Seminar: Philosophy of Religion (R. Douglas Geivett)  
Seminar: Philosophical Theology: Divine Omniscience (William Lane Craig)  
Philosophy and Theology of Science (Garrett DeWeese)  
Survey of Christian Doctrine I (W. David Buschart)  
Survey of Christian Doctrine II (Craig A. Smith)  
Historical Theology (Alan Gomes)  
Directed Study: Advanced Theology  
Directed Study: Philosophy and Theology of C. S. Lewis (Jerry Root)  
Audit: Religious Pluralism (Douglas Groothuis)

### *History of Philosophy*

Seminar: Søren Kierkegaard (C. Stephen Evans)  
Seminar: Plato (Anne Marie Schultz)  
Seminar: Thomas Aquinas's *Summa Contra Gentiles*, Book 1 (Thomas Hibbs)  
Comprehensive Exam: Ancient Philosophy  
Comprehensive Exam: Medieval Philosophy  
Comprehensive Exam: Modern Philosophy  
Comprehensive Exam: Contemporary Philosophy

### Epistemology

Seminar: Intellectual Virtues (Robert C. Roberts; also listed under “Ethics and Philosophical Psychology”)

Seminar: Fallibilism (Trent Dougherty)

Epistemology I (Garrett DeWeese)

Audit: Epistemology (Jonathan Kvanvig)

### Other Philosophy Coursework

Seminar: Teaching Philosophy (Robert Kruschwitz)

Metaphysics I (Garrett DeWeese)

Directed Study: Philosophy of Art (David Lyle Jeffrey)

Logic for Philosophers (Alexander Pruss)

Symbolic Logic (Rob Koons)

### **FAMILY**

I am married (to Karla West), with three children (Ella, 10; Greyson, 7; Maxwell, 5)

### **REFERENCES**

Dr. Robert C. Roberts

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