

Ross Parker

CONTACT

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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- Associate Professor of Christian Studies, Charleston Southern University (August 2019 – present)
 - Dean of the School of Christian Studies, Charleston Southern University (January 2017 – July 2018)
 - Assistant Professor of Christian Studies, Charleston Southern University (August 2014 – July 2019)
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EDUCATION

- *PhD, Philosophy*, Baylor University (2014)
 - *MA, Philosophy*, Baylor University (2011)
 - *MDiv, Christian Ministry*, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (2009)
 - *BA, History*, Union University (2002)
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DISSERTATION

- *The Argument from Divine Hiddenness: An Assessment*
Committee: Trent Dougherty (director), C. Stephen Evans, Alex Pruss, Doug Henry
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ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- "Hiddenness of God" (coauthored with Trent Dougherty), in Edward Craig, ed., *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy Online* (2015)
- "A Critical Evaluation of Rea's Response to the Problem of Divine Hiddenness" *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, Vol. 6, No. 2 (2014) 117-138.
- "Deep and Wide: A Response to Jeff Jordan on Divine Love," *Faith and Philosophy*, Vol. 30, No. 4 (2013): 444-461.

Book Reviews

- Review of Kevin Kinghorn (with Stephen Travis), *But What About God's Wrath? The Compelling Love Story of Divine Anger* in *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* (Forthcoming).
- Review of Josh D. Chatraw and Mark D. Allen, *Apologetics at the Cross: An Introduction for Christian Witness* in *The Southeastern Theological Review*, Vol. 10, No. 2 (Fall 2019) p. 129-131.
- Review of Rolfe King, *Obstacles to Divine Revelation: God and the Reorientation of Human Reason* in *Philosophia Christi*, Vol. 15, No. 1 (2013) p. 203-207.
- Review of David Baggett and Jerry Walls, *Good God: The Theistic Foundations of Morality* in *Journal of the International Society of Christian Apologetics*, Vol. 5 No. 1, (2012) p. 127-132.

POPULAR-LEVEL PUBLICATIONS

- "The Moral Argument for God's Existence" *The Baptist Courier*, October 2017
 - Various articles at www.ChurchandGospel.com (the website of the College of Christian Studies at CSU)
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ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- "Evaluating the Burk/Lambert and Collins Discussion of the Question: Is Same-Sex Desire Sinful?"
 - Evangelical Theological Society Southeast Regional Meeting, 2018
- "Soren Kierkegaard and C. S. Lewis on Indirect Communication of Christian Truth"
 - Houston Baptist University's Annual Philosophy Conference, 2013
- "Divine Command Theory and Our Moral Obligation to Worship God"
 - Society of Christian Philosophers Midwest Regional Conference, 2013
- "An Evaluation of Michael Rea's Response to the Argument from Hiddenness"
 - Baylor Fall Graduate Colloquium, 2012
- "Could God Command Something Terrible? A Response on Behalf of Divine Command Ethics"
 - Evangelical Philosophical Society Southwest Regional Meeting, 2012
- "Do WAMs Violate the Rule of Assertion?"
 - Baylor Spring Graduate Colloquium, 2012
- Comments on Kevin Timpe, "The Arbitrariness of the Primal Sin"
 - Baylor Annual Philosophy of Religion Conference, 2012

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- "An Introduction to Christian Ethics"
 - Peace Presbyterian Church's "Peace University", November 2019

- “Who Am I? The Flawed Worldview of Naturalism”
 - ENDURE Apologetics Conference, Charleston Southern University, Fall 2019
 - “Evil and Christianity”
 - ENDURE Apologetics Conference, Charleston Southern University, Fall 2018
 - “C. S. Lewis’s Logical Case for the Christian Worldview”
 - Faith and Science Forum, Charleston Southern University, Spring 2018
 - “Understanding the Argument from Divine Hiddenness” and “Responding to the Argument from Divine Hiddenness”
 - DEFEND Apologetics Conference, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Spring 2018
 - “Why Believe in God?”
 - Peace Presbyterian Church’s “Peace University”, January 2018
 - “How Can I Know There Is a God?”
 - ENDURE Apologetics Conference, Charleston Southern University, Fall 2017
 - Participant in panel discussion on Mike Cospers’s *The Stories We Tell*
 - Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fall 2016
 - “Christianity and Methodological Naturalism”
 - Faith and Science Forum, Charleston Southern University, Fall 2016
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Classes taught at Charleston Southern University

- CHST 140: Introduction to Philosophy
- CHST 240: The Christian Worldview and Its Alternatives
- CHST 423: Christian Ethics
- CHST 649: Christian Ethics [Graduate level]
- CHST 407: Christian Apologetics
- CHST 323: Philosophy of Religion
- CHST 329: World Religions
- CHST 112: New Testament Survey
- CHST 111: Old Testament Survey
- CHST 240: Christian Philosophy and Worldview

Classes taught at Baylor University

- Introduction to Philosophy: C. S. Lewis and Philosophy
- Introduction to Philosophy: Theism and Naturalism
- Introduction to Logic

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- External fellow, L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Fall 2016 – present)

Graduate Teaching Assistant (Baylor University)

- “Philosophy and Constitutional Issues” (Francis Beckwith) Spring 2012
- “The Thought of C.S. Lewis” (Doug Henry) Fall 2011
- “Existentialism” (C. Stephen Evans) Spring 2011
- “History of Modern European Philosophy” (C. Stephen Evans) Fall 2010
- “Theism and Naturalism” (Todd Buras) Spring 2010
- “Introduction to Logic” (Robert Baird) Fall 2009

Teaching Fellow (Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary)

- Dr. Kenneth Keathley, Spring 2008, Spring 2009
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UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- General Education Committee (Fall 2018 – present)
 - Dean’s Council (Spring 2017 – Summer 2018)
 - Faculty Senate (Fall 2015 – Fall 2016)
 - Christian Leadership Council (Fall 2014 – Spring 2018)
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Referee, *American Philosophical Quarterly*
 - Referee, *European Journal of Philosophy of Religion*
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MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

- Ordained to the Gospel Ministry by Poplar Spring Baptist Church, Zebulon, NC (April 27, 2008).
 - Associate Pastor, Poplar Spring Baptist Church, Zebulon, NC (served from Fall 2007 – Spring 2009).
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AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- *HEB Foundation Faith and Learning Dissertation Fellowship* – Baylor University (2013)
 - \$10,000 fellowship given to support doctoral work at the dissertation stage for a student who has shown academic success and exemplary personal character, evidences a clear sense of Christian vocation, and is committed to the integration of faith and the intellectual life of his academic discipline
- *Presidential Scholars Award* – Baylor University (Fall 2009-2014)

- Scholarship awarded to exceptional graduate students who demonstrate the highest promise in their studies
 - *Ellis W. Hollon, Jr. Award in Philosophy of Religion* – SEBTS (2009)
 - Annual award given to an outstanding student in the study of the Philosophy of Religion
 - *The Robert A. Culler Theology Award* - SEBTS (2007)
 - Annual award for the best research paper in Systematic Theology
 - *The James Alex Baggett History Research Award* – Union University (2002)
 - Annual award for the best Senior Seminar research paper in History
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REFERENCES

- **Dr. Kenneth Keathley** – Professor of Theology, Director of the L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (e-mail: kkeathley@sebts.edu)
 - **Dr. Benjamin Quinn** – Assistant Professor of Theology and History of Ideas, Associate Dean of Institutional Effectiveness for the College at Southeastern (e-mail: bquinn@sebts.edu)
 - **Dr. C. Stephen Evans** – University Professor of Philosophy and Humanities, Baylor University (e-mail: C_Stephen_Evans@baylor.edu)
- [others available upon request]