

MATTHEW S. VEST

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Home Parish: St. Anthony's Orthodox Church, Bozeman, MT

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophical Theology 2013 – 2018

University of Nottingham (UK), Department of Theology & Religious Studies

Dissertation: "Wittgenstein and the Foundations of Bioethics: Reflections on Scientific & Religious Thinking in Modernity"

Advisor: John Milbank

Committee: Conor Cunningham; Mikel Burley

Fellowship in Bioethics 2013- 2014

The OSU Center for Bioethics & Medical Humanities

Graduate Studies in Theology & Divinity 2012 – 2013

St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary (Crestwood, NY)

M.A., in Liberal Arts 2001 – 2003

St. John's College (Annapolis, MD)

Thesis: "Images and Illumination in the Intellect: Seeing Face to Face in the *Paradiso*"

Advisor: Elizabeth Blettner

Bannockburn Undergraduate Fellowship in Moral Philosophy 1999 – 2001

King's Meadow Study Center (Franklin, TN)

ACADEMIC TEACHING POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary (Crestwood, NY) 2021 –

Senior Lecturer, Division of Bioethics (BMEA), OSU (Columbus, OH) 2019 –

Instructor, Division of Bioethics (BMEA), OSU 2016 – 2019

Lecturer in Bioethics, Center for Bioethics, OSU 2014 – 2016

Fellow of Humanities, New College Franklin (Franklin, TN) 2009 – 2012

- Instructor, King’s Meadow Study Center** (Franklin, TN) 2007- 2009
- Humanities Instructor, The Westminster School** (Birmingham, AL) 2004 – 2007
- Taught 7-12th grade courses: Old Testament I, Apologetics, Rhetoric I, Rhetoric II, Philosophy, and Aesthetics
- Humanities Instructor, Rockbridge Academy** (Annapolis, MD) 2001 – 2004
- Taught and developed curriculum: English Literature (7-12th grade), Classical Rhetoric I & II, and German I

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Assistant Director of Education Programs** 2013 –
 Division of Bioethics | BMEA | Center for Bioethics
 College of Medicine, The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH)
- Interim Dean & Institutional Director** 2007 –2012
 New College Franklin (Franklin, TN)
- Assistant Director of Education & Discipleship** 2008 –2011
 Parish Presbyterian Church (Franklin, TN)
- Director of Classical Studies Education** 2006 –2007
 The Westminster School at Oak Mtn. (Birmingham, AL)
- Upper School Principal** 2005 –2006
 The Westminster School at Oak Mtn. (Birmingham, AL)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

- BIOETHC 2000: Foundations & Theory of Bioethics (GE course: Culture & Ideas)
- BIOETHC 2020 ONL: Bioethics at the Movies (GE application/status in process)
- BIOETHC 3000: Case Studies in Bioethics
- BIOETHC 4000: Readings in Bioethics
- BIOETHC 6000 ONL: Foundations & Theory of Bioethics
- BIOETHC 6040 ONL: Bioethics Symposium I
- BIOETHC 6050 ONL: Bioethics Symposium II
- BIOETHC 7060 ONL: Religious & Theological Perspectives in Bioethics
- BIOETHC 8000 ONL: Directed Readings in Bioethics
- BIOETHC 8020 ONL: MA Thesis

NEW COLLEGE FRANKLIN

- MP 111-114: Moral Philosophy I: Antithesis and Worldview
- MP 211-214: Moral Philosophy II: Antiquity
- AL 101-102: Arts & Letters Seminar
- RHT 101-102: Rhetoric I
- LA 101-102: Intro to the Liberal Arts
- THS 401-404: BA Thesis

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles & Book Chapters

“Beyond Re-Enchantment: Christian Materialism and Modern Medicine,” *Christian Bioethics* 25, no. 3 (November, 2019): 266 – 282.

“Embodied Knowledge and Moral Knowledge: Felix Ravaisson & Biomedical Ethics” in *Treating the Body in Medicine and Religion: Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Perspectives*, John Fitzgerald & Ashley Moyse, eds., Routledge Press (2019): 29 – 43.

(Editor, with Ashley Moyse) Special Issue of *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics: Philosophy of Medical Research and Practice* 39, issue 6: “Reflections on Modern Medicine at the Centenary of Max Weber’s ‘Science as a Vocation’ (1917).” (Dec., 2018).

(With Ashley Moyse), “Understanding Modern, Technological Medicine: Enchanted, Disenchanted, or Other?” *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics: Philosophy of Medical Research and Practice* 39, no. 6 (Dec., 2018): 407 – 417.

(With Elmahdi Elkhammas, Britton Rink, Ryan Nash), “Decision Making With Older Minors: An Ethical Dilemma,” *Ibnosina Journal of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences* 7, no. 1 (February, 2015): 27 – 30.

Education & Other Impact Publications

“Reconsidering PEDs in Ultrarunning Pt. I,” *Ultra168.com* (August, 2015).

“Reconsidering PEDs in Ultrarunning Pt. II,” *Ultra168.com* (August, 2015).

“Thousand Dollar Pap-Smear,” Literature Review in *Practical Reviews*; Oakstone Publishing Co., Birmingham, AL (January, 2014).

“George McDonald’s Phantastes,” Wilson and Fisher, ed. *Omnibus III: Reformation to the Present* (Lancaster, PA: Veritas Press, 2006).

“The Divine Comedy: Inferno,” Wilson and Fischer, ed. Omnibus II: *Church Fathers through the Reformation* (Lancaster, PA: Veritas Press, 2005).

Book Reviews

“Turning East: Contemporary Philosophers and the Ancient Christian Church.” Review for *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly* (Spring, 2014).

“Beauty for Truth’s Sake: On the Re-Enchantment of Education.” Book review for *The Journal: Society of Classical Learning* (Vol. IV. Fall, 2011).

“Wisdom and Eloquence, A Christian Paradigm for Classical Learning.” Book review for *Reformation 21: The Online Magazine of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals*, (January 2006).

PRESENTATIONS

“The Great Ambiguity of ‘Medicine’: Science? Art? Magic? Technique? Mechanics? Guild? Profession? Other?...or All?!” Lead sponsor for panel presentation including Autumn Ridenour, Natalie Rodden, Ethan Schimmoeller, and Ryan Nash (moderator). Conference on Medicine and Religion, OSU (April, 2020) [*conference postponed amidst COVID; rescheduled for 2021*]

“Performance Enhancing Drugs and Ultrarunning: What the Seriousness of PEDs Tells Us About Ourselves.” OSU Medical Ethics Conference, Columbus, OH (Oct. 2019).

“Is Suffering the Kiss of Jesus?” Lead sponsor for panel presentation including Ryan Nash, Kimbell Kornu, and Mark Wells (moderator). Conference on Medicine and Religion, Duke University (April, 2019).

“Ethics Amidst Personal Knowledge: Guiding Theological Bioethics.” Junior Faculty Workshop Presentation, Conference on Medicine and Religion, Duke University (April, 2019).

“Cultural and A-cultural Foundations: Surveying the ‘Question of Foundations’ through Engelhardt, Wittgenstein, and St. Gregory Palamas.” Conference on Medicine and Religion, St. Louis, MO (April, 2018).

“Wittgenstein and the Foundations of Bioethics: Religious and Scientific Thinking in Modernity.” Junior Faculty Workshop Presentation, Conference on Medicine and Religion, St. Louis, MO (April, 2018).

“The Value of Thinking About Your Thinking.” OSU Innovate 2017: Impact Conference, OH (May, 2017).

“Bioethics: When Life is the Classroom.” OSU Innovate 2017: Impact Conference, OH (May, 2017).

“Seeing the Body: Noesis and Modern Medicine.” Conference on Medicine and Religion, Houston, TX (March, 2017).

“Religion & the Medicine of the Future: An Orthodox Critique of Scientific Theology & Ecumenism.” Respondent panelist with Ryan Nash, Farr Curlin, & Ashley Moyses, Conference on Medicine and Religion, Houston, TX (March, 2016).

“The Teleological Suspension of Medicine: Fundamentally Scientific or Fundamentally Religious?” Conference on Medicine and Religion, Houston, TX (March, 2016).

“Why Bioethics Has Failed Savulescu: Challenging ‘Slavish Moralism’ With a New Language Game.” Society of Orthodox Philosophers in America, Blanco, TX (February, 2016).

“Moral Norms & Bioethics: By Theory or Therapy?” American Society of Bioethics and Humanities, Houston, TX (Oct., 2015).

“Wittgenstein & Bioethics.” Lecture to Bioethics Fellowship, Center for Bioethics, OSU (May, 2015).

“Integrity of Being: Therapy, Theories, and Truth.” Religion and Medicine Conference, Boston (March, 2015).

“An Ethic of Life: Bioethical Theory, Practices, and the Search for Unity.” Society of Orthodox Philosophers in America, Blanco, TX (February, 2015).

“Embodied Knowledge and Moral Knowledge: Felix Ravaisson & Biomedical Ethics.” Religion and Medicine Conference, Chicago (March, 2014).

“Embodied Soul, Ensouled Body: Theological Method and Scientific Knowledge.” Society of Orthodox Philosophy in America, Blanco, TX (February, 2014).

“Narrative Medicine and the Ontology of Modern Healthcare.” Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity 20th Conference, Chicago (July 2013).

“Rituals Forming The Soul: Corpse Impurity, Asceticism, and the Body as Relic.” Center of Theology and Philosophy 5th Conference, Oxford, UK (June 2013).

“Beauty Will Save the Soul: Formation & Theanthropic Education,” Edith Stein Project, Notre Dame University (Feb. 2013).

“The Mercy of Ritual Cleanliness and Uncleaness,” Society of Orthodoxy Philosophy in America, Blanco, TX (Feb. 2013).

“Ecology and Theology.” New College Franklin Collegium, Franklin, TN (Sept. 2011).

“Technology and the Liberal Arts.” Arx Axiom Teacher Training, Franklin, TN (July 2011).

“Challenging Nature in Modernity: Technology and Sacramentum.” Center of Theology and Philosophy 4th Conference, Krakow, Poland (June 2011).

“Federal Financial Aid and the Religious College.” Orthodoxy and Higher Education Conference, St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, Crestwood, NY (June 2011).

“*Ordo Amoris* and Education.” Commencement Address, Rockbridge Academy, Millersville, MD (May 2011).

“Growing in Wisdom: Ontology and Recovering the Liberal Arts as Spiritual Formation in Hugh of St. Victor’s *Didascalicon*,” Society of Orthodox Philosophy in America, Blanco, TX (Feb. 2011).

“Virtue and the Liberal Arts.” Co-presenter Caleb Faires, Arx Axiom Teacher Training, Franklin, TN (July 2010).

“Against Western Civilization.” Arx Axiom Teacher Training, Franklin, TN (July 2009).

“Culture and Education.” Artios Academy Teacher Training, Brentwood, TN (Aug., 2008).

“Strong Minds, Soft Hearts, Fat Souls.” Harvest Banquet; Oak Mtn. Classical School (Oct 2005).

GRADUATE THESIS ADVISING

- OSU MA Thesis Advisor, Kellie Malloy (AU, 2020).
- OSU MA Thesis Advisor, Ethan Schimmoeller (SU, 2020).
- OSU MA Thesis Advisor, Anne McClure (SP, 2020).

INTERPROFESSIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- Advisory Board Member, Classical Learning Resource Center (2020 -).
- Graduate Committee Member, Division of Bioethics, BMEA (2016 -).
- American Society of Bioethics and Humanities: Christian Theology Affinity Group Co-Leader (2016 -).
- *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* (Oxford University Press): Peer review service (2015 -).
- Conference on Medicine and Religion: Abstract/Precise Review Committee (2015 -).
- OSU Case Ethics Conference: Planning Committee service (2014 -).
- *Christian Bioethics* (Oxford University Press): Peer review service (2014 -).
- MA Practicum Committee Member: Molly Schmidt (July, 2020).
- MA Practicum Committee Member: Robyn Thomas (July, 2020).
- MA Practicum Committee Member: Connor Howard (July, 2020).
- MA Thesis Committee Member: Jessica Tudor-Tangeman MA Thesis (April, 2020).
- Young Scholars Workshop Invitee/Participant; Conference for Medicine and Religion (April, 2019).
- Faculty Teaching Observation: Peer-Review Evaluator for HRS 4000 (May, 2018).

- Young Scholars Workshop Invitee/Participant; Conference for Medicine and Religion (April, 2018).
- College of Medicine Faculty Council Representative, BMEA (2016 - 2017).
- Faculty Advisor, OSU Undergraduate Society for Bioethics (2015- 2017).
- Distance Education Course Development Focus Group participant (July, 2017).
- MA Thesis Committee Member: Mark Wells MA Thesis (May, 2017).
- Featured in *OSU Online Article* on course designed/taught (BIOETHC 6000): “A Personalized Online Course Experience,” C. Hagan (2/6/17).
- Conference on Medicine and Religion: Dinner Co-Host/Discussion leader with Autumn Ridenour (2017).
- Conference on Medicine and Religion: Dinner Co-Host/Discussion leader with Paul Scherz (2016).
- Conference on Medicine and Religion: Inter-religious Panel planning coordinator (2015-2016).
- Conference on Medicine and Religion: Planning Committee service (2015-2016)
- “Introducing Bioethics.” Invited CPE Presentation, OSU Clinical Pastoral Education Program (July, 2015).
- Medical Education Research Group: Medicine and the Arts and Humanism in Medicine Initiative (2014 - 2015).
- Applying the Quality Matters Rubric Certification I (APPQMR), Office of Distance Education & eLearning, OSU (2014).
- “Biomedical Enhancement: Stronger, Smarter, Nicer...Holier Humans?” Middle TN Christian Discussion Group (July, 2014).
- “Bioethics As a Philosophical Puzzle.” CPE Shared-Learning Presentation, Healthcare Chaplaincy, New York, New York (March, 2013).
- Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), Healthcare Chaplaincy. Level One (250 clinical hours), New York (Jan-May, 2013).
- Interprofessional seminar participant, 28th Annual Medical Ethics Conference; Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture (March, 2013).
- St. Herman Society: Ecology at St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, Crestwood, NY (2012-2013).
- “Flannery O’Connor & The Poetic Imagination,” Middle TN Christian Discussion Group (2012).
- Interviewed & quoted by *Inside Higher Ed*. L.A. Nelson, “Where Trendy is 17th Century” (July 11, 2011).
- Education and Discipleship Curriculum Committee, Parish Presbyterian Church, Franklin, TN (2008-2011).
- Guest panelist, Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Conference, Nashville, TN (Nov., 2009). TRACS conference attendee 2009-2011.
- Paideia Academic Committee, Westminster Academy (2004-2007).
- SACS Self-Study Accreditation Committee, Westminster Academy, Birmingham, AL (2006-2007).
- Interdisciplinary/Shared-Learning Consultation, Rock-U, Birmingham, AL (Sept., 2005).
- Curriculum Committee, Rockbridge Academy, Millersville, MD (2002).
- Guest Member, Belmont University Orchestra, Viola Section (1999).

- Guest Member, Samford University Orchestra, Viola Section (1997-1998).

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- OSU Center for Bioethics
- OSU Center for Ethics and Human Values
- American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
- Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity
- National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity
- Society of Classical Learning
- Society of Orthodox Philosophers in America

References available upon request.