

ADAM P. GROZA, PH.D.

CURRICULUM VITAE



Current Positions

Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services

Associate Professor, Philosophy of Religion

Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention (Ontario, CA)

June 2010-Present

Courses Taught: *Apologetics, Philosophy for Ministry, Evangelism, and Christian Ethics*

Direct Reports: Director of Student Life, Director of Enrollment, Registrar and Director of Student Success, and Administrative Assistant to the Vice President

Supervisor: Dr. Jeff Iorg (President)

Teaching Fellow

Agricola Theological Institute (Espoo, Finland)

2019-Present

Courses Taught: *Christian Philosophy and Worship*

Supervisor: Dr. Mikko Sivonen (Associate Dean)

Research Fellow

Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

2017-Present

School Profile

1,826 total students, 5 physical campuses, 12 million-dollar budget, 37 trustee elected faculty, ATS and WASC accredited, \$59 million endowment

Select Accomplishments at Gateway Seminary

1. Raised over \$500,000 for student benevolence and scholarships
2. Led multi-ethnic staff to highest enrollment in Gateway 79-year history
3. Managed an annual budget of \$1,012,781
4. Strategically distributed over \$622,617 in annual Student Aid
5. Helped to decide, strategize, and execute Gateway's relocation and renaming
6. Served on President's Cabinet
7. Scheduled weekly chapel speakers and oversaw all student events
8. Assisted in a comprehensive 2020 Strategic Planning Process
9. Compiled accreditation reports and participated in accreditation visits
10. Managed student discipline and grievance process
11. Developed and led quarterly "directors dialogue" of director level staff
12. Supervised Gateway's I-17 PDSO (currently 76 F-1 students enrolled)
13. Oversaw Student Housing (58-unit apartment complex, 100% occupancy)

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Select Previous Positions

Adjunct Instructor

School of Christian Ministry
California Baptist University (Riverside, CA)
2016-Present

Courses Taught: *Introduction to Philosophy* and Goodness, Truth, and Beauty

Supervisor: Dr. Christ Morgan (Dean)

Director of Admissions and Appointed Faculty Member

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Scarborough College
Fort Worth, Texas
2007-2010

Expanded enrollment team from 6 to 10 employees, oversaw rebranding efforts, launch of new online application, growth of College enrollment from 147 to 249 (69%)

Associate Director of Riley Events Center

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Fort Worth, Texas
2005-2007

Responsible to create, promote, and manage school sponsored conferences such as Christian Faith and Arts, Apologetics, Christian Counseling, and Baptist Heritage.

Hospice Chaplain

Bridgeway Hospice
Fort Worth, Texas
2005

Provided spiritual care for end of life patients and recruited and managed (15) volunteers

Warehouse Manager

North American Eyewear
Fort Worth, Texas
2004-2005

Related to field sales representative and customers to place, track, and ship orders. Oversaw one employee.

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Sales Associate

Practitioners Publishing Company/Thompson Reuters

Fort Worth, Texas

2001-2003

Outbound sales to existing client base selling new software and publications related to tax and accounting

Customer Service Representative

Public Storage National Headquarters

Glendale, CA

1999-2001

Processed in-bound reservations for storage units through United States

Education

Ph.D.

Philosophy of Religion (Major) Ethics (Minor)

Dissertation: “*Siris Revisited (Did George Berkeley Change His Mind?)*”

Southwestern Baptist Seminary

2009

Th.M. Philosophy of Religion

Thesis Title: “A Comparison Between the Design Arguments of William Paley and Bill Dembski”

Southwestern Baptist Seminary

2003

M.Div. Theology

The Master’s Seminary

2001

B.S.

Political Science (Major) Spanish (Minor)

Northern AZ University

1998

Continuing Education

Executive Leadership Program

Saïd Business School, University of Oxford

2023

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Beginning Korean
Yonsai University/Coursera
2020

Fundraising and Development Specialization
UC Davis/Coursera
2020

Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training
QPR Institute
February 2021

Select Church Ministry Experience

Interim Pastor
Calvary Church West Hills
Los Angeles, California
2023-Present

Interim Pastor
Crossview Bible Church
Yucca Valley, California
2021-2022

Interim Pastor
Bryant St. Baptist Church
Yucaipa, California
2019-2020

Interim Pastor
Del Cerro Baptist Church
San Diego, California
2017-2018

Elder
Red Hill Baptist Church
San Anselmo, California
2013-2015

Deacon
Rock Creek Baptist Church
Crowley, Texas
2006-2010

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Senior Pastor
Fairview Baptist Church
Fairview, Texas
2002-2004

Youth Pastor
Fairview Baptist Church
Fairview, Texas
2000-2002

Select Speaking Experience

Commencement Speaker, William Jessup University (Arizona Campus)
Tucson, Arizona, April 2023

Christian Challenge, University of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii, March 2023

Evangelism Conference Speaker, California Southern Baptist Convention
March 2023

Christian Challenge, University of California Santa Cruz
Santa Cruz, California. February 2023

Association of Theological Schools
Enrollment Conference, September 2021

Hawaii Pacific Leadership Training
Maui/Hawaii/Oahu, September 2019

The Gathering Annual Collegiate Retreat
Hilo, Hawaii, January 2019

Philosophy Seminar
Logos Christian University
Kerala, India, January 2019

Philosophy of Religion Seminar
Baptist Collegiate Ministry
Honolulu, Hawaii, November 2018

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Midwest Leadership Summit
Springfield, Illinois, January 2018

Agricola Theological Institute
Helsinki, Finland, March 2017, 2019, and 2023

Annual Sermon, California Southern Baptist Convention
Sacramento, California, November 2016

Inland Empire Baptist Association, Pastors Retreat
Idyllwild, California, May 2016

Cross Church Collegiate Ministry
Fayetteville, Arkansas, February 2016

Campus Crusade Western Region Annual Meeting
Irvine, California, January 2016 and January 2017

Lifeway College Week
Glorieta, New Mexico, August 2014-2019

Chapel Speaker, California Baptist University
Riverside, California, November 2015

Bay Area Bible Study Conference
Tracy, California, April 2015

Christian Challenge, Chico State University
Chico, California, October 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2022, 2023

Ratio Christi, San Jose State University
San Jose, California, April 2014

Leadership Training at Arizona Baptist Convention Annual Meeting
Tucson, Arizona, November 2014

Bridging Leadership Conference
Seoul, South Korea, October 2014

International Fellowship of Evangelical Students
Prague, Czechoslovakia, February 2009

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Previous Academic Experience

Presidential Appointment to Faculty, Southwestern College (now Scarborough College)
Fort Worth, Texas, 2009-2010
Courses Taught:
World Religions

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Southwestern Seminary (Extension Center)
Little Rock, Arkansas, 2007-2008
Courses Taught:
Introduction to Apologetics

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Tarleton State University
Stephenville, Texas, 2004-2005
Courses Taught:
Introduction to Philosophy

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Lilly, Pathway for Tomorrow Grant, 2022

Lynn E. May Study Grant, Southern Baptist Archives Library Nashville, Tennessee, 2006-2007

Callahan Research Grant Recipient, The Acton Institution, 2003-2004

Presidential Scholar Award, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 2003

Hooper Research Grant Recipient, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona, 1997-1998

Publications

Unraveling Philosophy, with J.P. Moreland, B&H Academic. May 2023

Faith Wins: Making it Through a Crisis of Belief, New Hope Publishers. June 2020.

“Idealism and the Nature of God” in *Christianity and Idealism*, edited by Jim Spiegel.
Bloomsbury Press. February 2016.

“A Positive Sexual Ethic” in *Ministry and the New Marriage Culture*, edited by Jeff Iorg.
Broadman & Holman Press. October 2015.



Papers Presented & Other Presentations

“Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?”

The Claremont Universities

March 2023

“Recovering the Fear of the Lord in Christian Ethics”

Academic Convocation of Gateway Seminary

October 2021

"In the Absence of Evidence: Mill and James against Hume's 'Of Miracles' in
Conversation with Ancient Voices and Sacred Texts"

Rationality, Theism, and Atheism Conference of the Iranian Institute of Philosophy

March 2021

“God and the Problem of Evil”

Pepperdine University: Veritas Forum Lectures

Malibu, CA, February 2019

“Old Testament Time and Worship”

Far West ETS: California Baptist University

Riverside, CA, Spring 2019

“A Biblical Vision of the Good Life”

Korea University: Religious Scholars Series Lecture

Seoul, South Korea, October 2014

“Berkelean Idealism and the Good Life”

California Baptist University Apologetics Conference

Riverside, California, April 2013.

“Christ in the Old Testament and the Logic of Inerrancy”

Evangelical Theological Society Southwestern Regional Meeting

Fort Worth, Texas, March 2011.

“Berkeley, Pantheism, and Panentheism”

Evangelical Theological Society Southwestern Regional Meeting

Fort Worth, Texas, March 2009.

“Latter Day Atheists: Mormonism and the Problem of Omnipotence”

National Society of Christian Apologists National Meeting

Kansas City, Kansas, May 2007.

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“The Iraq War and Just War Criteria”
Evangelical Theological Society Southwest Regional Meeting
Fort Worth, Texas, March 2007.

“The Flanders Factor: Evangelicals Through the Eyes of Pop-Culture”
Christianity and the Arts Conference
Fort Worth, Texas, February 2006.

“Aesthetics and Scripture”
Evangelical Theological Society Southwest Regional Meeting
Houston, Texas, March 2006.

Other Writing

“The Persistent (And Dangerous) Myth of Overpopulation”
christianpost.com
February 25, 2020

“The Problem of Evil (For Atheists)”
christianpost.com
February 21, 2020

“Global Citizenship Equals Global Disaster”
baptistpress.com
November, 2018

“The Medium of Preaching”
preachingsource.com
November, 2018

“Fatal Flaws in the ‘Gender as Social Construct’ Position”
erlc.com
May, 2018

“Gay Men in the NFL”
baptistpress.com
July, 2017

“Deep Preaching: Why Doctrine Matters in the Pulpit”
preachingsource.com
March, 2017

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“Why Monogamy? A Response to Polyamory”

erlc.com

February 13, 2017

“Six Cultural Trends from The Bay Area and Why They Matter for Churches”

erlc.com

July 21, 2015

“Why I Kissed Social Media Goodbye”

cbmw.org

January 20, 2014

“What Does the Bible Say About MMA?”

baptistpress.com

September 2, 2010

Professional Membership & Associations

Evangelical Theological Society

Evangelical Philosophical Society

ATS Student Personnel Administrators

The International Berkeley Society

Select Community Involvement (Volunteer)

Board Member, Lifehouse Theater

Redlands, California

2020-Present

AYSO Soccer Coach

Redlands, California

2017

Select Denominational Service

Task Force Member

Great Commission Evaluation Task Force

2023-Present

Evangelism Trainer

CSBC

2019-Present