

J. BRIAN HUFFLING, PH.D.

EDUCATION:

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- Ph.D. Philosophy of Religion, Southern Evangelical Seminary, 2013  
Dissertation: *Omniscience and Impassibility: An Examination of Richard E. Creel's Philosophical Theology*  
Advisor: Richard G. Howe
- M.A. Apologetics, Biblical Studies, Philosophy, Southern Evangelical Seminary, 2009  
Thesis: *The Nature and Importance of Historical Knowledge to Christianity*
- B.A. History, Minor in Bible, Lee University, 2004

AREAS OF SPECIALTY:

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- Philosophy of Religion
- Philosophical Theology
- Medieval Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

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- Ancient Philosophy
- Moral Philosophy
- Metaphysics
- Hermeneutics
- Biblical Studies

RESEARCH LANGUAGES:

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- Latin, German, Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

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Associate Professor of Philosophy and Theology, Southern Evangelical Seminary and Bible College, Charlotte, NC: September 2018 – Present

Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Theology, Southern Evangelical Seminary and Bible College, Matthews, NC: August 2011 – September 2018

- Undergraduate courses (resident, online, and live streaming)
  - PH 301 Critical Thinking
  - PH 302 Introduction to Philosophy
  - AP 412 Ethics
  - PH 420 God, Time and Foreknowledge

- BL 401 Biblical Languages
- AP 401 Christian Apologetics
- OT 301 Old Testament Survey
- NT 301 New Testament Survey
- ST 303 Bible Study Methods
  
- Graduate courses (resident, online, and live streaming)
  - PH 502 History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (replaced Medieval Philosophy)
  - PH 503 Medieval Philosophy
  - PH 503 History of Modern and Contemporary Philosophy
  - PH 514 Moral Philosophy
  - PH 518 Philosophical Theology
  - AP 520 God, Time and Foreknowledge
  - ST 505 Hermeneutics
  - ST 511 Advanced Hermeneutics
  - AP 501 Introduction to Christian Apologetics
  - AP 566 Religious Apologetics
  
- Doctor of Ministry course (resident, online, and live streaming)
  - AP 801 Introduction to Christian Apologetics
  - PH 819 Philosophy of History
  - PH 820 God, Time and Foreknowledge
  
- Doctor of Philosophy courses (resident and live streaming)
  - PH 1021 Philosophy of Education
  - PH 1019 Philosophy of History
  - AP 1014 Religious Apologetics
  - PH 1016 Thomistic Philosophy
  - PH 1018 Philosophical Theology

Director of Ph.D. Program, Southern Evangelical Seminary, Matthews, NC July 2015 – Present

- Develop and maintain program catalog and handbook
- Maintain accreditation standards
- Work with academic dean and registrar regarding course listings
- Evaluate student admissions based on application materials, entrance exam, and interview
- Advise students

Dean of Students, Southern Evangelical Seminary and Bible College, July 2014 – Present

- Director of Field Experience Program which is an internship program for students
- Director of TEAM which is a speaking team primarily led by students that has traveled to 12 countries including 5 continents to speak on many topics, such as philosophy, apologetics, and cultural issues
- Sponsor the Student Government Association
- Oversee student events
- Counsel and advise students

Apologia Online Academy Instructor (August 2015 – Present)

- Teach courses (Philosophy/Ethics, Logic/Thinking Like A Christian, Latin I and II)

Director of Southern Evangelical Apologetics Lay Institute, Southern Evangelical Seminary and Bible College, Matthews, NC May 2014 – July 2015

- Develop and oversee program
- Select instructors and courses

Director of Undergraduate Program, Southern Evangelical Bible College, Matthews, NC March 2013 – July 2015

- Work with academic dean and registrar regarding course listings
- Maintain and update BA program catalog and handbook
- Provide input on which professors teach courses
- Implement student/advisor program
- Implement accreditation standards
- Implement the use of Logos Bible Software

Instructor, The Art Institute of Charlotte, Charlotte, NC: July 2010 – September 2013

- Undergraduate courses (resident)
  - PHI 105 Aesthetics
  - PHI 110 Ethics
  - HUM 101 Introduction to Humanities
  - HUM 410 World Religions

Arborbrook Christian Academy (August 2011 – July 2013)

- Teach courses (Apologetics and Worldview)

Teaching Assistant, Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, NC: Dec. 2005 – May 2011

- OT 428 / 528 Daniel
- ST 505 Hermeneutics
- BL 501 / 401 Biblical Languages
- HB 501 / 502 Biblical Hebrew
- OT 501 / 502 Old Testament Survey

#### PUBLICATIONS:

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Joseph B. Huffling. "Is God Morally Obligated to Prevent Evil? A Response to James Sterba." *Religions* 12, no. 5: 312 (2021).

Brian Huffling and Thomas J. Gentry, "A Biblical Case Against Homosexuality," *The Evangelical Review of Theology and Politics*, Vol 8 (2020): ES21-ES37.

J. Brian Huffling, "God is Not a Moral Being: A Response to Gary Whittenberger on the Problem of Evil." *Skeptic*. Vol 24 no. 4 (2019): 43-45.

J. Brian Huffling. "Is the Reality of Evil Good Evidence Against the Christian God?: A Response to Michael Shermer's Affirmative Answer." *Skeptic*. Vol 24 no. 2 (2019): 49-54.

J. Brian Huffling. "The Study of the Philosophy of Religion in the Age of the Internet." *The Knowledge Review*. Dec 2017. <https://theknowledgereview.com/study-philosophy-religion-age-internet/>.

J. Brian Huffling. "An Exploration of Eleonore Stump's Theodicy." *Journal of the International Society of Christian Apologetics*, 7 no. 1 (April 2014): 305-330.

J. Brian Huffling. "A Critique of Trinity Monotheism." *Christian Apologetics Journal*, 10 no. 1 (Spring 2012): 79-100.

#### BOOK REVIEWS:

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J. Brian Huffling. Book Review. Diller, Kevin. *Theology's Epistemological Dilemma: How Karl Barth and Alvin Plantinga Provide a Unified Response*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2014. *Christian Apologetics Journal*, 13 no. 2 (Fall 2015): 121-123.

J. Brian Huffling. Book Review. Loftin, Keith, ed. *God and Morality: Four Views*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic. *Christian Apologetics Journal*, 12 no. 1 (Spring 2014): 122-123.

J. Brian Huffling. Book Review: Keating, James F. and Thomas Joseph White, eds. *Divine Impassibility and the Mystery of Human Suffering*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 2009. *Christian Apologetics Journal*, 9 no. 2 (Fall 2011): 103-104.

#### ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS:

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"Aquinas' View of the Trinity and the Charge of Modalism." Presented at the Evangelical Philosophical Society, National Conference, San Antonio, TX, November 16, 2017.

"Is God Good?: Rethinking God's Morality." Presented at the Evangelical Philosophical Society, Regional Conference, Columbia, SC, March 18, 2016.

"The Problem of Evil and God's Perfection: A Look at Job." Presented at the Evangelical Philosophical Society, Regional Conference, Columbia, SC, March 18, 2016.

"Philosophy of History: Prolegomena to Inerrancy." Presented at the International Society of Christian Apologetics, Matthews, NC April 11, 2015.

"Divine Impassibility: Perspectives on God." Presented at the Evangelical Theological Society, Regional Conference, Lithonia, GA, March 28, 2015.

"Divine Impassibility: An Analysis of Richard E. Creel's Middle Way Between Aquinas and Hartshorne." Presented at the Evangelical Philosophical Society, Regional Conference, Lithonia, GA, March 27, 2015.

“A Thomist Account of Divine Providence.” Evangelical Philosophical Society, Regional Conference, Montgomery, AL, March 17, 2014.

PANELS AND DEBATES:

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“Is A Good God Logically Possible?” Debate with James Sterba at Winthrop University, March 10, 2020.

“Is the Reality of Evil Good Evidence Against the Christian God?” Debate with Michael Shermer. Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, NC, February 23, 2019. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qH4jIHLMunw>

“Responding to Objections to Divine Simplicity.” Panel discussion with Richard G. Howe, William Lane Craig, and Stephen Davis for the Evangelical Philosophical Society at the American Academy of Religion. Denver, CO, November 19, 2018. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWGhWHbvvsK>

“Did Jesus Die for All Men Without Exception?” Debate with Sonny Hernandez. September 29, 2018 in Turners Station, KY. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3JXsRVX-Ms>

“Classical Theism and Apologetic Methodology.” Debate with Zach Hicks. <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/truliferadio/2015/06/11/theology-matters-with-the-pellews-debate-apologetic-methodologies>

NON-ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS:

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“Classical Theism: The Dangers of Abandoning the Traditional View of God.” Presented at the National Apologetics Conference, Charlotte, NC, October 16, 2015.

“The Minimal Facts Case for the Resurrection of Jesus.” Presented at Ratio Christi, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC, April 7, 2015.

“Defending the Bible: How to Deal with Apparent Contradictions.” Presented at Ratio Christi, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC, March 16, 2015.

“Who is God? Natural Theology, Divine Attributes, and God Talk.” Presented at Ratio Christi Symposium, Fort Mill, SC, October 12, 2014.

“History Can Be Known: A Refutation of Historical Skepticism.” Presented at the National Conference on Christian Apologetics, Charlotte, NC, October 11, 2014.

“An Examination of Richard E. Creel’s View of Divine Impassibility.” Presented at the International Society of Christian Apologetics, Kansas City, MO, April 14, 2012.

“Richard E. Creel and Divine Impassibility.” Presented to the Socrates Club at Southern Evangelical Seminary, Matthews, NC, November 16, 2013.

“Biblical Interpretation, Meaning, and Objectivity.” Presented at Ratio Christi, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC, November 11, 2013.

“Jesus and the Claims of the Word Faith Movement.” Presented at the National Conference on Christian Apologetics, Charlotte, NC, October 11, 2013.

“Biblical Interpretation and Apologetics: Defending the Faith Against Modern Trends in Hermeneutics.” Presented at the National Christian Apologetics Conference, Charlotte, NC, October 11, 2013.

“Biblical Criticism Explained and Evaluated.” Presented at the National Apologetics Conference, Charlotte, NC, October 28, 2011.

“Can History Be Known and Is It Important for Christianity?” Presented at the National Apologetics Conference, Charlotte, NC, October 28, 2011.

SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTION AND PROFESSION:

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- Director of Thesis Program
- Reviewer for the Evangelical Theological Society National Conference
- Assistant Editor of *Christian Apologetics Journal*
- Established Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Current Chairman
- Academic Committee
- Admissions Committee
- Student Affairs Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Chapel speaker
- Student Services Interim Director
- Instruct students and professors in the use of Logos Bible Software

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY:

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“Is the Concept of God Incoherent? A Response to the New York Times Article” on Theology Matters with the Pellets: Blog Talk Radio. Feb 7, 2020. <https://www.blogtalkradio.com/theology-matters-with-the-pellets/2020/02/07/is-the-concept-of-god-incoherent-a-response-to-the-new-york-times-article>

“Can We Know History?” 12 Days of Apologetics. [ses.edu/12days](http://ses.edu/12days).

“The Philosophy of Religion.” Giving an Answer. Public Broadcasting Show. June 28, 2015. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cPsN5QQasOc>

“A Debate on Classical Theism and Apologetic Methodology” on Theology Matters with the Pellets: Blog Talk Radio. June 11, 2015. <https://www.blogtalkradio.com/theology-matters-with-the-pellets/2015/06/11/theology-matters-with-the-pellets-debate-apologetic-methodologies>

“The Gospel of Forgiveness.” Preached at Newington Baptist Church, Gloucester, VA, April 19, 2015.

“The Existence of God: Arguments and Objections.” Presented at Newington Baptist Church Apologetics Conference, Gloucester, VA, April 18, 2015.

“The Problem of Evil: Why Does God Allow Bad Things to Happen?” Presented at Newington Baptist Church Apologetics Conference, Gloucester, VA, April 18, 2015.

“The Word Faith Movement: Confessing Bad Theology.” Presented at Newington Baptist Church Apologetics Conference, Gloucester, VA, April 17, 2015.

“The Philosophy of History.” Giving an Answer. Public Broadcasting Show.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1rCs\\_OlM3\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1rCs_OlM3_c)

“How to Teach Apologetics and Some Resources to Use.” Presented at The Great Commission Apologetics Conference, Bladenboro, NC, February 15, 2015.

“Romans 1 and Natural Theology.” Preached at Gracelife Church of Pineville, Pineville, NC, February 8, 2015.

“Death and Grief.” Presented at Coca-Cola Corporation, Charlotte, NC, November 12, 2014. Question Panel. First Slavic Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC June 21, 2014.

“The Unforgiving Servant.” Presented at First Slavic Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC, June 21, 2014.

“An Examination and Evaluation of the Teaching of the Jehovah’s Witnesses.” Presented on “Theology Matters with the Pellets” on Blog Talk Radio Show, March 6, 2014.

Helper with Vacation Bible School. Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base. July 2013.

Apologetics Question Panel. First Slavic Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC, January 17, 2013.

“A Textual, Literary, and Scientific Examination of the Flood.” Answers in Truth, Apologetics Conference, Hobart, IN, October 3, 2009.

“The Word Faith Movement.” Sound Rezn Radio Station and Television, Matthews, NC, October 23, 2009.

“Apologetics and Atheism.” Sound Rezn Radio Station, Matthews, NC, September 16, 2009.

#### HONORS:

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- Society of Christian Philosophers Lecture Grant (\$1500): June 2014
- Cum laude 2009

- Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honor Society), 2003
- National Dean's List, 2003
- Beta Beta Beta, Associate Member (National Biological Honor Society), 2002

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

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- Society of Christian Philosophers
- Evangelical Philosophical Society
- Evangelical Theological Society
- International Society of Christian Apologetics

#### MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE:

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- Chaplain, United States Air Force Reserves: 2010-Present
- College and Career Ministry Lay Leader, GraceLife Church of Pineville, Pineville, NC: 2014-2015
- Youth Ministry Lay Leader, Creekside Baptist Church, Indian Trail, NC: 2010-2012
- Associate Pastor of English Ministry and Youth, Korean Baptist Church of Charlotte, Matthews, NC: 2009-2010
- Associate Pastor with Emphasis in Youth and Children, Mill Creek Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC: 2007-2009
- Associate and Youth Pastor, Forsyth Park Baptist Church, Winston-Salem: NC 2006-2007
- Ordained by the Southern Baptist Convention at Forsyth Park Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, October 8, 2006
- Youth Pastor and English Ministries Pastor, New Life Korean Church, Charlotte: NC 2004-2006

#### MILITARY EXPERIENCE:

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- Reserve Chaplain, Captain, Maxwell Air Force Base 2019 – Present
- Reserve Chaplain, Captain, United States Air Force Academy: 2013 – 2018
- Reserve Chaplain, Captain, Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, 2010 – 2013
- Chaplain Candidate, United States Air Force, 2006 – 2010
- Individual Ready Reserves, United States Navy, 2004 – 2006
- Reserves, United States Marine Corps, 2000 – 2004