

Thomas Jared Farmer, PhD

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy of Religion, *magnum cum laude*

University of Muenster (Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster) 2023

Dissertation

Title: “The Contribution of Gianni Vattimo to Post-Metaphysical Philosophy: Weak Thought, Nihilism, and Christian Charity.” The dissertation examines the expansion of hermeneutical philosophy in western thought over the course of the last century and discusses the unique contributions of the contemporary Italian philosopher Gianni Vattimo to recent shifts in philosophical and religious thought. Dissertation Chair: Ingolf U. Dalferth, Danforth Professor Emeritus of Philosophy of Religion, Claremont Graduate University/ Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology, Symbolism, and Philosophy of Religion, University of Zürich.

Master of Religion (MA)

Claremont Graduate University 2020

Master of Philosophy (MA)

Claremont Graduate University 2018

Master of Theology (Th.M.)

Emory University 2013

Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.)

Emory University 2012

Bachelor of Philosophy, *cum laude*

University of Illinois 2010

Associate of Arts, *cum laude*

Piedmont Technical College 2006

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

McDonald Scholar in Residence—Center for the Study of Law and Religion

Emory University School of Law 2023
Atlanta, Georgia

<i>Part-Time Lecturer</i> (Philosophy) California State University Fullerton Fullerton, California	2016 - 2021
<i>Part-Time Lecturer</i> (Humanities—Philosophy & Religion) Norco College – Riverside CCD Norco, California	2016 - 2019
<i>Part-Time Lecturer</i> (Social Sciences—Philosophy) Fullerton College – North Orange County CCD Fullerton, California	2017 - 2021
<i>Part-Time Lecturer</i> (Humanities—Philosophy) Riverside City College – Riverside CCD Riverside, California	2018 - 2020
<i>Graduate Research Assistant</i> Emory University – Candler School of Theology Supervisor: Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson	2010 – 2013

TEACHING & RESEARCH AREAS

Areas of Teaching Specialization

Ethics/Applied Ethics, Critical Thinking, History of Philosophy, World Religions, History of Christianity

Areas of Teaching Competence

Religion in America, Medieval Philosophy, Medical Ethics, Political Philosophy, Biblical Studies

Research Interests

Hermeneutics, Pragmatism, Political Theology, Contemporary & Postmodern Religious Discourses, Critical Theory, Post-Colonialism, 19th & 20th Century Philosophical and Religious Thought, New Testament & Christian Origins, Patristics, the works of Thomas Aquinas, Friedrich Nietzsche, Karl Marx, Ludwig Wittgenstein, Martin Heidegger, and Gianni Vattimo.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Philosophy (PHI-10; PHI 100F)
 Meaning, Purpose, & the Good Life (PHI 101)
 Introduction to Ethics (PHI 160F)
 Introduction to World Religions (HUM-10; PHI 105F)
 Religion in America (HUM-11)

Critical Thinking (PHI-11; PHI 105)
 Logic & Critical Thinking (PHI 170F)
 Critical Thinking & Writing (PHI 172F)
 Introduction to Christianity (PHI 200 F)
 Medieval Philosophy (PHI 291)
 Medical Ethics (PHI 314)
 Philosophical Argument & Writing (PHI 315)
 Contemporary Moral Issues (PHI 320)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

<p>“Accessibility in Canvas” <i>Course training in Accessibility for differently-abled students in Canvas web-based learning management system</i> Fullerton College Distance Education</p>	<p>Spring – 2020</p>
<p>“Growing with Canvas” <i>Course training in Canvas web-based learning management system</i> Fullerton College Distance Education</p>	<p>Spring – 2020</p>
<p>Online Canvas Academy <i>Course training in Canvas web-based learning management system</i> Riverside Community Colledge</p>	<p>Spring – 2020</p>

PUBLICATIONS & PAPERS

“Transhumanism, Religion, & the Anthropocene” in *Humanity: An Endangered Idea? Claremont Studies in the Philosophy of Religion / Menschlichkeit: Eine gefährdete Idee? Claremont Studien zur Religionsphilosophie* Edited by Ingolf U. Dalferth and Raymond E. Perrier (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2023).

“God and the Self as Social Relation” in *The Unique, The Singular, and the Individual: Claremont Studies in the Philosophy of Religion / Das Einzigartige, das Singuläre und das Individuelle. Die Debatte um das Nicht-Vergleichbare. Claremont Studien zur Religionsphilosophie.* Edited by Ingolf U. Dalferth and Raymond E. Perrier (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2022)

“At the Limits of Understanding” in *The Meaning and Power of Negativity: Claremont Studies in the Philosophy of Religion / Sinn und Macht der Negativität. Claremont Studien zur Religionsphilosophie.* Edited by Ingolf U. Dalferth and Trevor W. Kimball (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2021)

“Confronting the Unforgivable” in *Love and Justice: Consonance or Dissonance? Claremont Studies in the Philosophy of Religion / Liebe und Gerechtigkeit. Übereinstimmung oder Unstimmigkeit? Claremont Studien*

zur Religionsphilosophie. Edited by Ingolf U. Dalferth and Trevor W. Kimball (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2019).

“*De Principium Originis: Thomistic Epistemology and the Doctrine of Creation.*” *Claremont Journal of Religion*, Vol. IV. 1, 2015.

“Christ as Cosmic Priest: A Socio-Rhetorical Examination of the Crucifixion Scenes in the Gospel of John and *Acts of John*,” in *Jesus and Mary Reimagined in Early Christian Literature*. Edited by Vernon K. Robbins and Jonathon M. Potter. *The Writings from the Greco-Roman World Supplement Series*. Series Editor, Ronald Hock (Atlanta: SBL Press, 2015), 223-250.

“Relational Obligations: Defending a Non-Voluntarist Argument for Special Responsibilities.” *Stance*, vol. 3, pp. 39-46. 2010

PRESENTATIONS & SEMINARS

“Invited Response to Hava Tirosh-Samuelsón’s Paper—*Human Flourishing in the Age of Technology*,” Paper presented at the 40th Annual Claremont Philosophy of Religion Conference (Claremont, CA) February 23, 2019

“Invited Response to Hans-Peter Grosshans’ Paper—*The Concrete Uniqueness of God: The Contribution of Trinitarian Thought*,” Paper presented at the 39th Annual Claremont Philosophy of Religion Conference (Claremont, CA) February 23, 2018

“Invited Response to Emil Angehrn’s Paper—*Negative Hermeneutics: Between Non-Understanding and the Understanding of Negativity*,” Paper presented at the 38th Annual Claremont Philosophy of Religion Conference (Claremont, CA) February 17, 2017

“Science and the Humanities: Franco Moretti and the Limits of Computational Analysis in the Study of Literature,” Paper presented at the 47th Annual Northeastern Modern Language Society Convention (Hartford, CT) March 18, 2016

“Invited Response to Deidre Green’s Paper—*Can Love Hide a Multitude of Sins?: On Kierkegaard and Feminism*” Paper presented at the 37th Annual Claremont Philosophy of Religion Conference February 19, 2016

The Church's Story, pt. 2: *A History of Christianity (Reformation to the 21st Century)*
Lecture given as part of the IPHC’s USCC School of Ministry and Clergy Development
Spring 2014 Seminar Series

The Church's Story, pt. 1: *A History of Christianity (from Birth to Reformation)*
Lecture given as part of the IPHC’s USCC School of Ministry and Clergy Development
Fall 2012 Seminar Series

Relational Obligations: *Defending a Non-Voluntarist Argument for Special Responsibilities*

Paper presented at the annual meeting for The Society of Christian Philosophers

Hendrix College (Conway, AR) March 22, 2012

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The American Philosophical Association (APA)

The American Academy of Religion (AAR)

The Society for Italian Philosophy (SIP)

The North American Nietzsche Society (NANS)

The Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP)

The Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)

The Northeastern Modern Language Society (NeMLA)

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Koine Greek

Biblical Hebrew

Modern German

GRADUATE LEVEL AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Albert B. Friedman Grant	2015-2016
Meritorious Arts & Humanities Fellowship Award	2014-2015
CGU Fellowship—Religion	2014-2015
General Philip Bronson Memorial Fellowship	2014-2015
Miller Scholarship Recipient	2012-2013
MTS Merit Scholarship	2010-2011

ADDITIONAL MEDIA SKILLS

Teaching Software (Canvas/ Blackboard/ Buncce/ Glogster)

Presentation Software (PowerPoint/ Keynote/ Visme)

Podcasting/ Audio Engineering (Logic Pro/ Pro Tools)

Video Editing (Lightworks/ OpenShot/ YouTube)

Photo/ Image Editing (Photoshop)