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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Philosophy, Northwestern University, 1972

M.A., Philosophy, Northwestern University, 1969

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**EMPLOYMENT**

2001 – 2014      Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado  
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1977 – 2001      Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of  
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1972 – 1977      Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of  
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*Boulder Faculty Assembly Teaching Excellence Award*, University of  
Colorado, 2001

*President's Teaching Scholar*, University of Colorado, 1992 - 2014

*Boulder Faculty Assembly Teaching Excellence Award*, University of  
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- “Is God Free? Reply to Wierenga,” *Faith and Philosophy*, Vol. 23, No. 1 (Jan. 2006), 93-98.
- “Power, Liability, and the Free Will Defence: Reply to Mawson,” *Religious Studies*, vol. 41 no. 1 (March 2005), 71-80.
- “The 'Evidential Argument from Goodness',” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, (2004) Vol. XLII, 87-101.
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