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## Education

- 2017 Ph.D. in Philosophy and Religion, University of South Florida  
Dissertation Topic: *The Genesis and Development of Concepts of Immutability as Applied to Divinity in the Ancient and Hellenic Period.*  
Major Professors: Joanne Waugh & James Strange  
Committee: Roger Ariew, Mor Segev, Michael DeJonge
- 2013 M.A. in Philosophy & Religion, University of South Florida
- 2008 B.A. in Philosophy, *magna cum laude*, Belhaven University

## Areas of Specialization

Ancient and Hellenic Philosophy, Christianity,  
Philosophy of Religion

## Areas of Competence

History of Philosophy, History of Christianity,  
Ancient Daoism & Confucianism, World Religions, Ethics

## Professional Experience

Adjunct Instructor, Hillsborough Community College: 2016-Present

Adjunct Instructor, Polk State College: 2013-Present

Graduate Instructor (Teaching Associate) University of South Florida: 2011-2016

## Teaching

### ***Courses Taught (Primary Instructor):***

Introduction to World Religions (Spring 2017, Spring 2016; Fall 2014; Fall 2013)  
Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2017, Summer 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015,  
Spring 2015, Summer 2014, Spring 2014)  
Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2017, Summer 2015)  
Introduction to Humanities (Fall 2014, Summer 2014, Spring 2014)  
Biomedical Ethics (Spring 2015)  
Aristotle (Spring 2014)

### ***Graduate Teaching Assistant:***

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2015)  
Ancient Philosophy (Fall 2013)  
Late Modern Philosophy (Spring 2013, Spring 2012)  
Online: Introduction to World Religions (Fall 2013, Spring 2013, Spring 2012, Fall 2011)  
Early Modern Philosophy (Fall 2012)  
Ancient Philosophy (Fall 2011)

## Research

### *Publications*

“Does God Repent? Philo Judaeus on the Theological Implications of Exodus 32:14” (Preparing for submission)

“Being and Knowing: Parmenides and the Fragment Three Principle.” (Preparing for submission)

### *Presentations (Peer Reviewed)*

“Prophet, Poet, and Polymath”

Poetry, Philosophy, and Science in the Archaic Age (March 11-16, 2016)

## Honors & Awards

Belhaven College: Philosophy Award 2008-2009.

Belhaven College: President's List Fall 2006, Fall 2008.

Belhaven College: Dean's List Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008.

United States Coast Guard: Commendation Medal, February 2004.

## Dissertation Abstract

This project tracks and explains the development of the Doctrine of Divine Immutability from early mythological and scriptural source material that seems to indicate that divine entities are changeable into metaphysical systems that demand a perfectly consistent deity. The Doctrine of Divine Immutability is a philosophical and theological postulate that has long been a staple of systematic metaphysics and theology, but its function in robust and fully formed systems is different than its function when it is first generated in Ancient Greece and Judah. Methodologically, mostly primary sources are studied and compared with interpretive help from relevant secondary sources. Once the generation and evolution of this doctrine is understood, a more holistic understanding of the relationship between religion and philosophy will be evident. Additionally a more robust understanding of Middle Platonism and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> century Christianity and their relationship to Roman Stoicism will be achieved. Of particular importance to contemporary scholarship this work will allow us to understand the doctrine in its context and will shield us from anachronistic readings of the arguments that are bound to cause fundamental errors in scholarship.

## References

Roger Ariew, Distinguished University Professor.

James Strange, Distinguished University Professor.

Joanne Waugh, Associate Professor.

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## Graduate Courses

### *Religious Studies*

Theory/Method in Religious Studies, Paul Schneider — Fall 2010  
Studies in Biblical Archaeology, James Strange — Spring 2011  
First and Second Century Christian Writings, James Strange — Fall 2011  
Chinese Religious Thought, Wei Zhang — Fall 2011  
Religion, Culture, and Society, Danny Jorgensen — Spring 2012  
Seminar on Theological Realism, R. Cass Fisher — Spring 2012  
Ancient Religious Literature, James Strange — Fall 2012

### *History of Philosophy*

Aristotle's Ethics and his Medieval Commentators, Thomas Williams — Fall 2010  
Early Modern Natural Rights Theories, Colin Heydt — Fall 2010  
Pre-Socratics and Plato, Joanne Waugh — Spring 2011  
Medieval Voluntarism, Thomas Williams — Fall 2011  
Plato and Aristotle, Joanne Waugh — Spring 2012  
Comparative Philosophy and Religion, Wei Zhang — Fall 2012  
Aristotle's Physics and its Commentators, Roger Ariew — Spring 2013

### *Miscellaneous*

First Person Authority, Richard Manning — Spring 2011  
Aesthetics, Joanne Waugh — Spring 2013