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Academic Appointments

- Wake Forest University, Aug. 2016–present
 - Assistant Professor of Politics, Ethics, and Interdisciplinary Humanities, July 2018–present
 - Executive Director, Program for Leadership and Character, 2018–present
 - Affiliate, Environmental Program, 2021–present
 - University Scholar in Residence & Fellow, Office of Personal & Career Development, Aug. 2016–June 2018
- The Oxford Character Project, Oct. 2014–present
 - Research Fellow
- University of Oxford, Oct. 2014–July 2016
 - McDonald-Templeton Postdoctoral Fellow, McDonald Centre for Theology, Ethics, & Public Life
 - Member, Faculty of Theology and Religion
 - Associate Faculty, Department of Politics and International Relations
- The Rhodes Trust, June 2015–July 2016
 - Dean of Leadership, Service, and Character Development
 - Advisory Council for Character, Service, and Leadership Programme, 2015–2018

Education

- Ph.D., Politics, Princeton University, 2014
 - Dissertation: *A Commonwealth of Hope: Virtue, Rhetoric, and Religion in Augustine's Political Thought*
 - Committee: Melissa Lane (Politics), Stephen Macedo (Politics), Jeffrey Stout (Religion), Eric Gregory (Religion), John Bowlin (Princeton Theological Seminary)
- M.A., Politics, Princeton University, 2011
 - Interdepartmental Program in Political Philosophy
 - General Exam Fields: Political Theory; Religion, Ethics, and Politics; Public Law
- B.A., Philosophy and Theology, University of Oxford, 2006
 - First-Class Honours
- B.A., Political Science, Rhodes College, 2004
 - Summa cum laude*

Research and Teaching Interests

Political Theory; History of Political Thought; Leadership and Character; Virtue Ethics; Moral Education; Hope; Religion & Politics; Civic Republicanism; Environmental Ethics; Aristotle; Augustine; Aquinas

Fellowships and Awards (selected)

- Teaching Award, Center for the Advancement of Teaching, Wake Forest University, 2020
- Teaching Excellence Award, Humanities Division, University of Oxford, 2016
- George Kateb Teaching Award for Best Preceptor in Politics, Princeton University, 2014
- Princeton University's Nominee, 2015 APSA Leo Strauss Award for Best Dissertation in Political Philosophy
- Finalist, Harvard Society of Fellows, 2013
- Josephine De Karman Fellowship, 2013–14
- Laurence S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellow, University Center for Human Values, 2011–12
- Merit Prize, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2007

Princeton University Fellowship, 2007–2009, 2011–13
Trinity College Finals Prize, University of Oxford, 2006
Woodroffe Exhibition in Philosophy and Theology, Trinity College, University of Oxford, 2005–2006
Rhodes Scholar, University of Oxford, 2004–2006
Peyton Nalle Rhodes Phi Beta Kappa Prize, Rhodes College’s highest academic honor, 2004
Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, Rhodes College’s highest leadership and service award, 2004
Seidman Senior Award in Political Science, Rhodes College, 2004
Rhodes College Hall of Fame, 2004
Phi Beta Kappa, 2004

Grants

“Training Character Educators at Wake Forest University” (\$280,613), Principal Investigator, Kern Family Foundation, 2021–2023
“Educating Leaders of Character at Wake Forest University” (\$3,408,266), Principal Investigator with Nathan O. Hatch, Lilly Endowment, 2020–2022
“Exemplar Interventions to Develop Character” (\$1,686,200), Co-Project Leader with Eranda Jayawickreme, John Templeton Foundation, Wake Forest University, 2019–2022
“Educating the Whole Engineer at Wake Forest University: Engineering Fundamentals, Entrepreneurial Mindset, and Character” (\$707,140), Co-Principal Investigator with Olga Pierrakos, Mike Gross, and Lauren Lowman, Kern Family Foundation, Wake Forest University, 2019–2022
“The Arts of Leading: Perspectives from the Humanities and Liberal Arts” (\$3,000), Humanities Institute Conference Grant, Wake Forest University, 2019
“Commencing Character” (\$50,000), Principal Investigator, VC Johnson Family Foundation, Wake Forest University, 2016–present
“Everyday Ethics: A Future for Moral Theology?” (£7,491), Co-Principal Investigator, John Fell Fund Oxford University Press Research Grant, University of Oxford, 2015–2017
Faculty Strategic Fund Award (£500), Faculty of Theology & Religion, University of Oxford, 2015
Udo Keller Stiftung Forum Humanum Claremont Conference Grant (\$2,200), 2014
Political Philosophy Research and Travel Grant, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2012, 2013, 2014

Peer-Reviewed Publications

* denotes mentored student, research fellow, or postdoctoral fellow.

Books

Michael Lamb, *A Commonwealth of Hope: Augustine’s Political Thought* (Princeton University Press, forthcoming 2022)
Jonathan Brant, Edward Brooks, and **Michael Lamb**, eds., *Cultivating Virtue in the University* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming March 2022)
Michael Lamb and Brian A. Williams, eds., *Everyday Ethics: Moral Theology and the Practices of Ordinary Life* (Georgetown University Press, 2019).

Articles and Chapters

Michael Lamb, “Difficult Hope: Wendell Berry and Climate Change,” in *Hope*, ed. Nancy E. Snow (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).
Michael Lamb, Elise M. Dykhuis, *Sara E. Mendonça, and Eranda Jayawickreme, “Commencing Character: A Case Study of Character Development in College,” *Journal of Moral Education* (forthcoming).
Edward Brooks, **Michael Lamb**, and Jonathan Brant, “Should Universities Cultivate Virtue?: A Case for Character in Higher Education,” in *Cultivating Virtue in the University*, ed. Jonathan Brant, Edward Brooks, and Michael Lamb (Oxford University Press, forthcoming)
Michael Lamb, Edward Brooks, and Jonathan Brant, “Character Education in the University: Opportunities and Challenges,” in *Cultivating Virtue in the University*, ed. Jonathan Brant, Edward Brooks, and Michael Lamb (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

Michael Lamb, Jonathan Brant, and Edward Brooks, “How Is Virtue Cultivated?: Seven Strategies for Postgraduate Character Development,” *Journal of Character Education*, 17, no. 1 (2021), 81–108.

- An adapted version will be published as **Michael Lamb**, Jonathan Brant, and Edward Brooks. “Seven Strategies for Cultivating Virtue in the University,” in *Cultivating Virtue in the University*, ed. Jonathan Brant, Edward Brooks, and Michael Lamb (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

Michael Lamb, “Augustine and Political Theory,” in *T&T Clark Handbook of Political Theology*, ed. Rubén Rosario Rodríguez (T&T Clark, 2020), 89–116.

- An adapted version is published as **Michael Lamb**, “Augustine and Contemporary Political Theory: Toward an Augustinian Republicanism,” in *Augustine in a Time of Crisis*, ed. Boleslaw Kabala, Ashleen Menchaca-Bagnulo, and Nathan Pinkoski (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021), 261–282.

Jonathan Brant, **Michael Lamb**, Emily Burdett, and Edward Brooks, “Cultivating Virtue in Postgraduates: An Empirical Analysis of the Oxford Global Leadership Initiative,” *Journal of Moral Education* 49, no. 4 (2020), 415–435.

Edward Brooks, Jonathan Brant, and **Michael Lamb**, “How Might Universities Cultivate Leaders of Character?: Insights from a Leadership and Character Development Program at the University of Oxford,” *International Journal of Ethics Education* 4, no. 2 (2019), 167–182.

Michael Lamb and Brian A. Williams, “Contextualizing Everyday Ethics: Moral Theology Meets Anthropology and the Social Sciences,” in *Everyday Ethics: Moral Theology and the Practices of Ordinary Life* (Georgetown University Press, 2019), 1–15.

Michael Lamb, Emma Taylor-Collins, and *Cameron Silverglate, “Character Education for Social Action: A Conceptual Analysis of the #iwill Campaign,” *Journal of Social Science Education* 18, no. 1 (2019), 125–152.

Michael Lamb, “Between Presumption and Despair: Augustine’s Hope for the Commonwealth,” *American Political Science Review* 112, no. 4 (2018), 1036–1049.

Michael Lamb, “Beyond Pessimism: A Structure of Encouragement in Augustine’s *City of God*,” *Review of Politics* 80, no. 4 (2018), 591–624.

Michael Lamb, “Ethics for Climate Change Communicators,” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Climate Science*, ed. Hans von Storch (Oxford University Press, 2017).

- Also published as **Michael Lamb**, “Ethics for Climate Change Communicators,” in *Oxford Encyclopedia of Climate Change Communication*, ed. Matthew C. Nisbet, Shirley S. Ho, Ezra Markowitz, Saffron O’Neill, Mike S. Schäfer, and Jagadish Thaker (Oxford University Press, 2018).

Michael Lamb, “Aquinas and the Virtues of Hope: Theological and Democratic,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 44, no. 2 (2016), 300–332.

Papers in Conference Proceedings

Michael Gross, *Joseph Wiinikka-Lydon, **Michael Lamb**, Olga Pierrakos, and *Adetoun Yeaman, “The Virtues of Teamwork: A Course Module to Cultivate the Virtuous Team Worker” *2021 ASEE Annual Conference & Exposition* (2021).

Jessica Koehler, Olga Pierrakos, **Michael Lamb**, *Alana Demaske, *Carlos Santos, Michael D. Gross, and *Dylan Franklin Brown, “What Can We Learn from Character Education? A Literature Review of Four Prominent Virtues in Engineering Education,” *2020 ASEE Annual Conference & Exposition* (2020).

Olga Pierrakos, Mike Prentice, Cameron Silverglate, **Michael Lamb**, *Alana Demaske, and *Ryan Smout, “Reimagining Engineering Ethics: From Ethics Education to Character Education,” *2019 IEEE Frontiers in Education Conference* (2019), 1–9.

Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications

Articles and Chapters

Michael Lamb, “Augustine and Republican Liberty: Contextualizing Coercion,” *Augustinian Studies* 48, no. 1/2 (2017), 119–159.

Michael Lamb and Melissa Lane, “Aristotle on the Ethics of Communicating Climate Change,” in *Climate Justice in a Non-Ideal World*, ed. Clare Heyward and Dominic Roser (Oxford University Press, 2016), 229–254.

Michael Lamb, “A Passion and Its Virtue: Aquinas on Hope and Magnanimity,” in *Hope*, ed. Ingolf U. Dalferth and Marlene A. Block (Mohr Siebeck, 2016), 67–88.

Reviews

Michael Lamb, “Introduction,” Symposium on John Bowlin’s *Tolerance among the Virtues*, *Syndicate* (2019).

Op-eds and Interviews

Michael Lamb with David Henreckson, “Character in Crisis: The Challenges of Moral Formation in Higher Education,” *Comment* (Spring 2021), 58–64.

Michael Lamb, “Biden’s Augustinian Call for Concord,” *Breaking Ground* (January 27, 2021).

- Also forthcoming in *Breaking Ground: Charting Our Future in a Pandemic Year* (Plough Publishing House, 2021).

Michael Lamb, “Who Will Be Our Exemplar in Chief?” *Winston-Salem Journal* (October 30, 2020).

Michael Lamb, “Campus Teaching Award Winner: Michael Lamb,” *Political Science Now* (May 24, 2017).

Creative Nonfiction

Michael Lamb, “For Horace Lamb (1935-2012),” in *Sharing Gratitude: Daily Reflections*, ed. Mary M. Dalton (Library Partners Press, 2019), 275.

Michael Lamb, editor and contributor, *Transformations: Stories of Service* (Rhodes College, 2004).

Publications in Progress

Books

Edward Brooks and **Michael Lamb**, eds., *The Arts of Leading: Perspectives from the Humanities and Liberal Arts* (under review with Oxford University Press), with contributions from Kristin Bezio (Richmond), Elleke Boehmer (Oxford), Melissa Jones Briggs (Stanford), Joy Connolly (ACLS), Paul Escott (Wake Forest), Marla Frederick (Emory), Thavolia Glymph (Duke), Edith Hall (Kings College London), Pegram Harrison (Oxford), Elizabeth Kiss (Oxford), Noelle Lopez (Harvard), David Lubin (Wake Forest), John Miles (Oxford), Alan Mittleman (Jewish Theological Seminary), Tahera Qutbuddin (Chicago), Gwendolyn DuBois Shaw (Penn), & Corey D. B. Walker (Wake Forest)

Kenneth Townsend and **Michael Lamb**, eds., *Character and the Professions* (edited volume in progress), with contributions from Eric Beerbohm (Harvard), Taya Cohen (Carnegie Mellon), Stephanie Creary (Penn), Margaret Plews Ogan (UVA), Shannon Vallor (Edinburgh), & Jonathan Lee Walton (Wake Forest)

Michael Lamb, *Democratic Hope* (manuscript in progress)

Articles

*Sara Etz Mendonça, Elise M. Dykhuis, and **Michael Lamb**, “Purposeful Change: The Positive Effects of a Course-Based Intervention on Character” (revised and resubmitted to *Journal of Positive Psychology*)

*Dylan Brown and **Michael Lamb**, “Digital Temperance: Adapting an Ancient Virtue for Our Technological Age” (invited to revise and resubmit, *Philosophy & Technology*)

Rogan Kersh, **Michael Lamb**, and *Cameron Silverglate, “Millennials and Leadership: The Trust Gap” (under review)

*Sara E. Mendonça, Kate R. Allman, **Michael Lamb**, and Donovan Livingston, “Character Education for Social Justice: Supporting College Students’ Critical Consciousness Development through Interinstitutional Engagement with Moral Exemplars” (under review)

Elise M. Dykhuis, *Sara E. Mendonça, Eranda Jayawickreme, and **Michael Lamb**, “Validating the Moral Exemplars Scale: A Quantitative Measure of Connection to and Function of Moral Role Models” (in progress)

Michael Lamb, “Frankenstein on Trial: Mary Shelley on Empathy, Reason, and the Law” (conference paper in preparation as article)

Research Appointments

Research Fellow for the Oxford Character Project, 2014–present

Theoretical and empirical research on virtue, ethics, leadership, and character education

Research Assistant for Prof. Melissa Lane, Princeton University, 2012–14

Research on environmental ethics, scientific uncertainty, and climate change communication

Assistance preparing syllabus for new course on “Science and Democracy”

Associate Editor, *Journal of the Rhodes Institute for Regional Studies* (Vol. 1, 2004)

Teaching

Wake Forest University

FYS 100: Commencing Character: How Should We Live? – Fall 2018, 2019, 2020, & 2021

HMN 211: Dialogues with Antiquity: Commencing Character – Fall 2020 and Fall 2021

HMN 211/POL 269: Dialogues with Antiquity: How to Keep a Republic – Spring 2020

HMN 385: Character and the Professions – Spring 2021

HMN 389: Directed Reading and Research – Fall 2020

HMN 390: Directed Writing – Spring 2021

POL 269: Topics in Political Theory: How to Keep a Republic – Fall 2017

Guest lectures for:

Topics in US: Public Opinion & Survey Research – Betina Cutaia Wilkinson (Politics and International Affairs) – Fall 2021

Issues and Trends in Education: How to Educate Character – Johann Ducharme and Hyunju Lee (Education) – Fall 2021

Character and the Good Life: Negotiating Questions of Race, Gender, and Class – Stephanie Mota Thurston (Divinity), Fall 2020

The Character of Entrepreneurship – Kerri Cissna (Entrepreneurship), Fall 2020

Leadership and Character in the Professions – Kenneth Townsend (Law), Spring 2020

Storytelling and Entrepreneurship in the U.S. – Rebecca Gill (Communication and Entrepreneurship), Spring 2019 and Fall 2019

Entrepreneurial Marketing – Jen Bennett (Entrepreneurship), Spring 2019

Feminist Leadership – Angela Mazaris (Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies), Spring 2019

Applied Sustainability – Stan Meiburg (Sustainability), Fall 2018, 2019, 2020, & 2021

Millennials, Politics, and Culture – Rogan Kersh (Politics and International Affairs), Spring 2018

Leadership for Sustainability – Dedee DeLongpre-Johnston (Environmental Studies), Fall 2017, 2019, 2021

Practices of Citizenship – Dr. Alessandra von Burg (Communication), Spring 2017

Augustine's *City of God* – Dr. Michael Sloan (Classical Languages), Spring 2017

Theological Ethics – Dr. Kevin Jung (Divinity), Spring 2017

University of Oxford

A Theory of Politics – Tutorials, Winter 2016

Political Thought: Plato to Rousseau – Tutorials, Winter 2016

Augustine's Political Thought – Lectures, Fall 2015

Elements of a Christian Ethic (taught section on religion and politics) – Graduate Seminar, Fall 2015 & 2014
Co-Instructor with Prof. Nigel Biggar, Prof. Joshua Hordern, & Dr. James Orr

Select Texts in Christian Ethics (taught Augustine's *City of God*) – Graduate Seminar, Winter 2015 & 2016
Co-Instructor with Prof. Nigel Biggar and Dr. James Orr

A Christian Vision of the Moral Life: Practical Issues (taught section on religion, politics, and the secular) – Undergraduate Seminar, Winter 2015 & 2016

Co-Instructor with Prof. Joshua Hordern and Prof. Nigel Biggar

Princeton University

Ethics and Public Policy – Undergraduate Course, Fall 2012 & 2013

Head Preceptor and Teaching Assistant to Prof. Stephen Macedo

Rhodes College

Justice, Equality, and Liberty – Undergraduate Seminar, Spring 2007

Co-Instructor with Prof. Daniel Cullen

Search for Values: Politics Track – Undergraduate Seminar, Fall 2006

Co-Instructor with Prof. Daniel Cullen

Academic Conferences and Presentations

“Augustine and the Virtue of Hope,” University of Oklahoma, 2021

“How Is Virtue Cultivated?: Seven Strategies for Postgraduate Character Development” and “Character and the

University,” Saint Mary’s University, 2021

“Educating Character in the University” (with Kate Allman and Heather Maranges), Auburn University at Montgomery, 2021

“What Is Character?” and “How Is Character Developed?” George Fox University, 2021

“How Can Universities Educate Character?” Furman University, 2021

“Educating Character in the University,” George Fox University, 2021

“How to Cultivate Virtue,” Rutgers University Thomistic Institute, 2021

“Teaching Intellectual Virtues in the University,” University of Oklahoma Institute for the Study of Human Flourishing, 2021

Keynote Interview of Angela Duckworth, Kern Entrepreneurial Engineering Network Conference, 2021

“Exemplifying Character: The Positive Effects of a Course-Based Intervention on Purpose” (with Sara Mendonça and Elise Dykhuis), Association for Moral Education, 2020

“How to Become More Virtuous: Seven Strategies for Character Development,” North Carolina State University Thomistic Institute, 2020

“Augustine’s Tale of Two Cities: The Politics of Heaven and Earth,” University of Florida Thomistic Institute, 2020

“How Is Virtue Cultivated?: Seven Strategies for Developing Character in University Students,” Keynote address in the School of Virtue and Character, Institute for Ethics and Society, University of Notre Dame Australia, 2020

“Infusing Character and Virtues across the Engineering Curriculum” (with Olga Pierrakos and Michael Gross), Kern Entrepreneurial Engineering Network, 2020

“Educating Leaders of Character,” Oxford Character Project Expert Briefing, University of Oxford, 2020

“What Can We Learn from Character Education? A Literature Review of Four Prominent Virtues in Engineering Education” (with Jessica Koehler and Olga Pierrakos), American Society for Engineering Education Conference, 2020

“Legacies of Leadership: Assessing a Character Intervention to Foster Empathy, Humility, and Cross-Cultural Understanding” (with Sara Etz Mendonça), Kern Family Foundation Partners in Character Education and Leadership Convening, 2020

“Wendell Berry’s Difficult Hope,” Is Hope a Virtue? Workshop, Princeton University, 2020

“Educating Character through Exemplars: Designing Research-Based Interventions for Colleges and Universities,” Exemplar Interventions to Develop Character Network Meeting, Wake Forest University, 2019

“Integrating Character into Engineering,” Wake Forest University, Department of Engineering, 2019

“How Can Universities Educate Character?” University of Tennessee, 2019

“Wendell Berry’s Difficult Hope,” Freedom from All Sides Seminar Series, Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, 2019

“Hope and Climate Change: Lessons from Wendell Berry,” Center for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability Colloquium Series, Wake Forest University, 2019

“Wendell Berry’s Difficult Hope,” American Political Science Association, 2019

“Developing Intellectual Virtues in a University Context,” New Directions in Promoting Character Virtues, Palo Alto, CA, 2019

“Educating Character,” Eight Schools Association, Choate Rosemary Hall, 2019

“Wendell Berry’s Difficult Hope,” Hope: A Colloquium, Princeton University, 2019

“Wendell Berry’s Difficult Hope,” Social Science Research Seminar, Wake Forest University, 2019

“The Ethics of Climate Change Communication,” Ecology and Environmental Biology Lunch, Wake Forest University, 2019

“Commencing Character: Teaching Aristotelian Character through Contemporary Commencement Addresses,” Virtues: Local or Universal?, Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues, University of Oxford, 2019

“Pedagogies of Hope: Augustine and the Art of Rhetoric,” American Academy of Religion, 2018

“Educating Character in the College Classroom: An Aristotelian Approach,” North American Association for Philosophy & Education, 2018

“Ethics for Climate Change Communicators,” Center for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability Colloquium Series, Wake Forest University, 2018

“Educating Character in the University,” Lilly Endowment, Indianapolis, IN, 2018

“Frankenstein on Trial,” American Political Science Association, 2018

- “Politics, Religion, and Republicanism: A New Direction for Political Augustinianism?,” *Augustine and Political Theory: Dialogue or Dialectic?*, Princeton University, 2018
- “Emulating Virtuous Exemplars: From Theory to Practice,” John Templeton Foundation Exemplars in Education Meeting, Marino Del Rey, CA, 2018
- “Between Presumption and Despair: Augustine’s Hope for the Commonwealth,” Augustine and Politics Graduate Reading Group, University of Oxford, 2018
- “Character Education for Social Action: Conceptualizing and Cultivating a Habit of Service,” Virtues in the Public Sphere Conference, Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues, University of Oxford, 2018
- “Between Presumption and Despair: Augustine’s Hope for the Commonwealth,” American Political Science Association, 2017
- “Cultivating Virtues in Postgraduates: A Case Study of the Oxford Character Project” (with Jonathan Brant), Cultivating Virtue in the University Conference, University of Oxford, 2017
- “Cultivating Virtues in Postgraduates: A Case Study of the Oxford Character Project,” Beacon Project Working Group, Wake Forest University, 2017
- “Between Presumption and Despair: Augustine’s Hope for the Commonwealth,” Presentation in “Ethics and the Good Life” course at Haverford College, 2017
- “Character in Higher Education,” Panel at The Educators Roundtable, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, 2017
- “Between Presumption and Despair: Augustine’s Hope for the Commonwealth,” Hope and Optimism Working Group, Cornell University, 2017
- “Between Presumption and Despair: Augustine’s Hope for the Commonwealth,” University of Pavia, Italy, 2017
- “Rhetoric, Reason, and Republican Liberty: Augustine on the Use and Abuse of Power,” American Academy of Religion, 2016
- “Augustine and Republican Liberty: Contextualizing His Defense of Coercion,” Reconsiderations V Conference, The Augustinian Institute, Villanova University, 2016
- “Hope from the Margins: Wendell Berry’s Vision of Democratic Transformation,” American Political Science Association, 2016
- “Cultivating Virtues in Postgraduates: A Case Study of the Oxford Character Project” (with Jonathan Brant), Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues, University of Birmingham, 2016
- “How Is Virtue Cultivated?: Lessons from The Oxford Character Project,” St. John’s College, Oxford, 2016
- “Civic Peace in a Secular Age: Reconsidering Augustinian Pluralism,” London School of Economics Legal and Political Theory Forum, 2016
- “Passion, Act, and Virtue: Aquinas on Hope,” Aquinas Seminar, Blackfriars, University of Oxford, 2016
- “Cultivating Virtue in Postgraduates: A Case Study of the Oxford Character Project” (with Jonathan Brant) Cultivating Virtues Conference, University of Birmingham’s Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues, 2016
- “Augustine and the Politics of Hope,” Postgraduate Diploma in Theology Seminar, University of Oxford, 2015
- “Civic Peace in a Secular Age: Reconsidering Augustinian Pluralism,” American Political Science Association, 2015
- “Hope for the Commonwealth: Augustine on Politics, Pluralism, and Civic Peace,” International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, 2015
- Manuscript Workshop on *A Commonwealth of Hope: Reimagining Augustine’s Political Thought*, Augustine and Politics Colloquium, High Point University, 2015
- “Hope for the Commonwealth: Augustine on Eschatology, Ecclesiology, and Politics,” Christian Ethics Research Seminar, University of Oxford, 2014
- “Augustine and the Virtue of Hope,” American Academy of Religion, 2014
- “Aristotle on the Ethics of Communicating Climate Change,” Martin School, University of Oxford, 2014
- “Beyond Pessimism: A Structure of Encouragement in Augustine’s *City of God*,” History of Political Thought Seminar, University of Oxford, 2014
- “Beyond Pessimism: Augustine’s Structure of Encouragement,” Association for Political Theory, 2014
- “Aristotle on the Ethics of Communicating Climate Change” (with Melissa Lane), Princeton University Center for Human Values Laurance S. Rockefeller Seminar, 2014
- “Beyond Pessimism: Augustine’s Structure of Encouragement,” American Political Science Association, 2014
- “Between Presumption and Despair: Augustine’s Structure of Encouragement and the Virtue of Hope,”

The Politics of Spirit: Augustine and Hegel in Dialogue Conference, Princeton University, 2014
 “Hope as Passion, Act, and Virtue: Aquinas on Hope and Magnanimity,” Claremont Graduate University Philosophy of Religion Conference, 2014
 “Reply to Aaron Cobb’s ‘Hope and Epistemic Virtue,’” Claremont Graduate University Philosophy of Religion Conference, 2014
 “Aquinas and the Virtues of Hope,” American Academy of Religion, 2013
 “Magnanimity, Gratitude, Humility, and Hope: Recovering Aquinas’s Virtues for Political Theory,” Northeast Political Science Association, 2013
 “Between Presumption and Despair: Augustine and the Virtue of Hope,” Middlebury College, 2013
 “Power, Persuasion, and Progressivism: Insights from Early Twentieth Century American Thought,” Discussant, American Political Science Association, 2013
 “Death Together: Community, Memory, and Political Theology,” Discussant and Moderator, University of Virginia Graduate Colloquium in Theology, Ethics, and Culture, 2013
 “The Virtue of Hope,” Western Political Science Association, 2013
 “The Virtue of Democratic Piety: An Augustinian Account,” University of Virginia Graduate Colloquium in Theology, Ethics, and Culture, 2012
 “Hope and Its Semblances,” A Conference on the Theological Virtues, Viterbo University, 2012
 “Hope and Its Semblances,” University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2012
 “Hazards of Hope,” Political Theory Research Seminar, Princeton University, 2012
 “Humble Hope: An Augustinian Account of a Democratic Virtue,” Northeast Political Science Association, 2011
 “Response to Ben Hertzberg’s ‘Prophetic Witness in the Liberal Public Sphere,’” Discussant, Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 2011
 “What is Political Hope?: A Response to Loren Goldman,” Discussant, Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 2009

Programming, Mentoring, and Advising

Executive Director, Program for Leadership and Character, Wake Forest University, 2017-present

Built new program, designed courses, and organized multiple workshops and events
 Managed program of 20+ staff and postdoctoral fellows
 Chaired or co-chaired searches for 24 faculty/staff/postdoctoral fellows
 Helped to raise over \$20 million for scholarships, staff, programming, and research
 Developed new Leadership and Character Scholarship Program for 10-12 students per year
 Co-created Principled Pluralism Fellowship for 2-6 students each summer
 Developed partnerships, collaborations, or co-sponsored events with 40+ schools, departments, or offices
 Established partnerships with the Oxford Character Project and Georgetown’s Ethics Lab
 Co-organized 3 major international conferences with the Oxford Character Project
 Co-organized and co-led Leadership and Character Course Development Workshops for 60+ faculty/staff
 Established Leadership and Character Faculty/Staff Partners Council in the College and an external Leadership and Character Council that includes distinguished scholars, artists, activists, and leaders

Student Advising and Mentoring at Wake Forest

Interdisciplinary Humanities Minor Advisor, 2021–present
 Lower-Division Academic Advisor, 2019–present
 Faculty Fellow for First-Year Students, 2017–19
 Postgraduate Fellowship Advising, Aug. 2016–present

Student Programming at Wake Forest

Call to Conversation Moderator, 2017–present
 Program Designer and Trainer, “Leading with Character” workshop for 1,355 Summer Immersion Program participants, 2021
 Guest Speaker on “How Is Virtue Cultivated?: Seven Strategies of Postgraduate Character Development,” Principled Pluralism Fellows Program, 2021
 Guest Speaker on *Everyday Ethics: Moral Theology and the Practices of Ordinary Life*, Philomathesian Society, 2020

Project Wake Discussion Leader, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
 Facilitator, “Leadership and Character Movie Night” on *Black Panther*, 2020
 Co-Facilitator, “The Ethics of Algorithms” (with Oxford Character Project and Georgetown’s Ethics Lab), 2019
 Facilitator, “Ethical Leadership,” Presidents’ Leadership Conference, 2019
 Facilitator, “Leadership for Sustainability,” Office of Sustainability Interns, 2019
 Facilitator, Leadership and Character Lunch with Krista Tippett, 2018
 Organizer, “The Art of Empathy: Exploring Dorothea Lange’s Photography,” Reynolda House Museum of American Art, 2018
 Facilitator, “Leadership and Sustainability,” Greeks Go Green, 2018
 Co-organizer, “Technology, Economy, and Character: Figuring Humanity in *The Adding Machine*,” 2018
 Facilitator, “Leadership as Conversation,” Presidents’ Leadership Conference, 2018
 Facilitator, “The Character of Leadership,” full-day workshop with 14 Chilean students in 2-week program on “Leadership, Social Justice, and Citizenship in the United States,” 2017
 Facilitator, “What Is Good Leadership?,” Academic Discovery Institute, 2017
 Facilitator, “Student Government as Servant Leadership,” Student Government Association, 2017
 Co-organizer, “Tragedies of Character: Leadership Lessons from *Macbeth*,” 2017
 Facilitator, “Friendship, Community, and Accountability,” Presidents’ Leadership Conference, 2017
 Facilitator, “What Is Good Leadership?” Presidents’ Leadership Conference, 2016

Faculty, Staff, Trustee, and Alumni Programming at Wake Forest

Facilitator, “Friendship in a Time of Social Distancing,” 2020
 Co-facilitator, “Friendship and the Good Life,” Trustees’ Spouses Program, 2020
 Participant, “Leadership and Anti-Racism,” Humanities Institute Faculty Seminar, 2019–20
 Co-organizer and co-facilitator, “Leadership and the Liberal Arts: Americans in France,” Themed trip, 2019
 Co-organizer and co-facilitator, “Leadership and Character in the UK,” Themed trip, 2017
 Facilitator, “Leadership and Vocation,” Wake Forest Fellows Program, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
 Facilitator, “Leading as Mentoring, Modeling, and Influence” and “How Is Character Cultivated?,” Campus Life Division Leadership Team Mid-Year Retreat, 2017
 Facilitator, “How Should We Lead?,” Office of the Dean of the College Leadership Team, 2017
 Facilitator, “Friendship in the Lives of Leaders,” Leadership Summit with 100 faculty/staff leaders, 2017
 Facilitator, “Friendship in the Lives of Leaders,” Board of Trustees, 2016

Oxford Character Project, 2014–2016

Designed character development curriculum for graduate and professional students
 Led discussions of ethics, leadership, and service in the Oxford Global Leadership Initiative
 Mentored participants in the Oxford Global Leadership Initiative
 Co-organized Ethics through Fiction and Film Reading Group, 2014–2016
 Facilitated The Character of Leadership Forum with Oxford Character Project & Hong Kong University, 2017
 Presented video on “Friendship and Leadership” for Lead for Life at Hong Kong University, 2021

Dean of Leadership, Service, and Character Development, Rhodes Trust, Oxford, 2015–2016

Designed and moderated 3-day retreats, mentored students, and planned ethical programming
 Led Ethics through Fiction and Film reading group for Rhodes Scholars

Resident Graduate Student, Butler College, Princeton University, 2011–2014

Advised applicants for post-graduate fellowships and planned programs to encourage ethical reflection and civic engagement, including presidential debate and election discussions, a “Politics Film Series,” a “Values and Vocations” event, and a screening of the documentary, *Philosopher-Kings*

Experiential Education Consultant, Rhodes College, 2006–07

Conducted focus groups with faculty, staff, and administrators and prepared 40-page report with recommendations on how to increase experiential learning offerings

Professional Leadership, Service, and Administration (selected)

Disciplinary Service

Ad-hoc reviewer for:

American Political Science Review

Journal of Politics

Political Theory

Review of Politics

Political Theology

Augustinian Studies

Journal of Religious Ethics

Journal of Church and State

Journal of Moral Education

Journal of Character Education

Journal of the American Philosophical Association

Journal of Beliefs and Values

American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly

Cambridge University Press

Palgrave Macmillan

John Templeton Foundation

Templeton World Charity Foundation

Consultant, “Character Education in Higher Education Framework,” Oxford Character Project and Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues, 2020

Kern Partners in Character Education and Leadership Network Improvement Community, 2019–2020

Steering Committee Member, Augustine & Augustinianisms Program Unit, American Academy of Religion, 2019–present

Co-organizer, 2021 Conference on “Character and the Professions” at Wake Forest University with the Oxford Character Project

Co-organizer, 2019 interdisciplinary network meeting on “Exemplar Interventions to Develop Character” at Wake Forest University

Co-organizer, 2019 Conference on “The Arts of Leading: Perspectives from the Humanities and Liberal Arts” at Wake Forest University with the Oxford Character Project

Co-organizer, 2018 panel on “Character Education in the University” at the North American Association for Philosophy & Education, with Edward Brooks (Oxford), Michael Lamb (Wake Forest), & Candace Vogler (Chicago)

Co-organizer and moderator, 2017 panel on “How Might Universities Cultivate Leaders of Character?,” Rhodes House, University of Oxford, with Nigel Biggar (Regius Professor of Moral & Pastoral Theology), Charles Conn (Warden of Rhodes House), Nathan Hatch (President of Wake Forest University), & Ngaire Woods (Dean of Oxford’s Blavatnik School of Government)

Co-organizer, 2017 Conference on “Cultivating Virtue in the University,” co-sponsored by Wake Forest University, Oxford Character Project, and the McDonald Centre for Theology, Ethics, & Public Life, including Nigel Biggar (Oxford), Jonathan Brant (Oxford), Joanna Collicutt (Oxford), Liz Gulliford (University of Birmingham), Michael Lamb (Wake Forest), Christian Miller (Wake Forest), Blaire Morgan (University of Birmingham), Paula Moya (Stanford), Onora O’Neill (Cambridge), Julie Reuben (Harvard), Jessica Richard (Wake Forest), Helen Small (Oxford), & Chad Wellmon (UVA)

Co-organizer, 2016 APSA Panel on “American Political Thought at the Margins,” including Michael Lamb (Oxford), Matthew Longo (Oxford), Melissa Orlie (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Melvin Rogers (UCLA), Justin Rose (Hobart & William Smith), & Kimberly Smith (Carleton)

Co-organizer, 2016 McDonald Centre Conference on “Everyday Ethics,” including Michael Banner (Cambridge), Luke Bretherton (Duke), Brian Brock (Aberdeen), Morgan Clarke (Oxford), Molly Farneth (Haverford), Craig Gay (Regent), Eric Gregory (Princeton), Jennifer Herdt (Yale), Philip Lorish (UVA), Charles Mathewes (UVA), Rachel Muers (Leeds), & Justin Welby (Archbishop of Canterbury)

Co-organizer, 2014 APSA Panel on “Religion, Rhetoric, & Political Theory: Between Past and Present,” including Susan Bickford (UNC), Loubna El Amine (Georgetown), Roxanne Euben (Wellesley), Ben Hertzberg (BYU), Michael Lamb (Princeton), & Andrew Murphy (Rutgers)

Co-organizer, 2013 AAR Panel on “Thomas Aquinas and the Democratic Virtues,” including John Bowlin (Princeton Theological Seminary), Adam Eitel (Princeton Theological Seminary), Jennifer Herdt (Yale), Mark Jordan (Washington University), Michael Lamb (Princeton), & Jean Porter (Notre Dame)

University and Departmental Service

Interdisciplinary Humanities Faculty Representative, Major/Minor Fair, 2018, 2019, 2021

Steering Committee, Provost’s Plan for Academic Excellence, 2019-21

Chair, Honors and Ethics Subcommittee

Core Working Group for the College Academic Commons Building, 2020

Chair, Leadership and Character Working Group

College Curriculum Review Committee Working Group on Ethical Inquiry, Wake Forest University, 2018–19

President’s Commission for the First-Year Experience, Wake Forest University, 2017–18

Task Force on Curriculum Development

Task Force on Advising the Whole Student

Organizer, 2020 Lecture: “Profiles in Leadership: Lessons from the Craft” with Bill Taylor at Wake Forest University

Co-organizer, 2020 Series of Events: “Legacies of Leadership: The Winston-Salem Sit-In, 60 Years Later” at Wake Forest University and Winston-Salem State University

Co-organizer, 2019 American History of Religions Lecture: “Fake News, Modern Horrors, and Democratic Hope: Why Capra’s Populist Christ Figure Fell Flat” by Jeffrey Stout (Princeton) at Wake Forest University

Co-Organizer, 2017 Carswell Lecture: “Human Dignity and Freedom from Domination: A Thomistic Sketch” by John Bowlin (Princeton Theological Seminary) at Wake Forest University

Co-Organizer, 2017 Lecture: “The Xbox Story: Leadership, Ethics, and Entrepreneurship” by Robbie Bach (former Microsoft President and Chief Xbox Officer) at Wake Forest University

Co-Organizer, 2017 Lecture: “Drawdown: A Playbook for Reversing Climate Change” by Katharine Wilkinson (Project Drawdown) at Wake Forest University

Steering Committee, McDonald Centre for Theology, Ethics, and Public Life, 2015–2016

Research Committee, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford, 2015–2016

Examiner for DPhil Transfer and Confirmation of Status, Faculty of Theology & Religion, Oxford, 2015, 2016

Undergraduate Admissions Training and Interviewing, Jesus College, University of Oxford, 2014

Submission Review Committee, Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 2009, 2011–2013

Princeton Politics Department Softball Team, Co-Captain, 2009

College Administration, Employment, and Service

Assistant Director of Development, Rhodes College, 2006–07

Raised \$1 million with a focus on service scholarships. Led most successful faculty/staff fundraising campaign at that point in College’s history, with participation rate of almost 70%.

Assistant Junior Dean, Trinity College, University of Oxford, 2005–06

Student Representative to the Board of Trustees, Rhodes College, 2003–04

Honor Council, Rhodes College, President, 2003-04, Vice President, 2002-03, Member, 2000–02

Presidential Task Force on Intercollegiate Athletics, Rhodes College, 2001–02

Community Service and Non-Profit Leadership

Alliance Africa, Inc., Co-Founder and Co-Director, 2006–2020

Habitat for Humanity, President, Rhodes College Chapter, 2002–2004

Burch Service Scholar, Rhodes College, 2000–2004

Political Experience

Chief of Staff, Roy Herron for U.S. Congress, TN-08, Dec. 2009–Nov. 2010

Led campaign that raised \$2 million, earned 9 of 9 newspaper endorsements, knocked on 60,000 doors, and made 130,000 calls to voters. Oversaw fundraising, managed staff and interns, coordinated policy research, analyzed polling data, developed campaign strategy, and met with citizens, interest groups, and elected officials.

Chief of Staff, Roy Herron for Governor of Tennessee, June 2009–Dec. 2009

Campaign Manager, Roy Herron for State Senate, TN-24, May 2004–Aug. 2004

Intern, U.S. Congressman Harold Ford, Jr., TN-09, 2001

Community Outreach and Public Presentations (selected)

- “Character and the Professions” (with Kenneth Townsend and Sue Henderson), Stratford Rotary Club and Downtown Rotary Club of Winston-Salem, 2020
- “Defining Ethical Leadership,” Panelist with Dr. Philip Brey and Natasha Singer, Purdue University, 2020
- “Leadership and Character in Chaos and Conflict,” Conversation with Dr. Robert M. Franklin and Cherie Harder, Trinity Forum, 2020
- “Educating Leaders of Character,” Stratford Rotary Club of Winston-Salem, 2020
- “Leadership and Character in the Law,” Co-Facilitator, Smith Anderson Law, Raleigh, NC, 2019
- “Beyond the Admissions Scandal: College Access and Mobility,” Panelist, Philanthropy Roundtable Annual Meeting, Carlsbad, CA, 2019
- “Character, Community, and Friendship,” Reynolds American Community Foundation, Winston-Salem, NC, 2019
- “Leadership and Vocation,” Winston-Salem Teen Study Group, 2019
- “Educating Leaders of Character,” Downtown Rotary Club, Winston-Salem, NC, 2019
- “Faith and Hope: What We Can Learn from St. Augustine,” St. Francis Episcopal Church, Greensboro, NC, 2018
- “Friendship in the Lives of Leaders,” Winston-Salem Teen Study Group, 2018
- “Best of Enemies,” Panelist for film discussion sponsored by RiverRun, Winston-Salem, NC, 2016
- “The Occupational Hazards of Working in the Academy: Augustine on Pride and Humility in the University,” Oxford Character Project, Oxford, UK, 2015 & 2016
- “Democracy and Civic Virtue,” Democratic Renaissance Project, Nashville, TN, 2014
- “Inside Politics: Behind the Scenes of a Political Campaign,” Butler College, Princeton, 2011
- “The Politics of Hope,” Princeton University Chapel Community Speaker Series, 2011
- “Education and Vocation: Becoming Servants and Citizens,” Ned R. McWherter Center for Rural Development, Dresden, TN, 2009
- “Transformations,” Rhodes College Red and Black Society: Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Nashville, Memphis, 2007
- “Writing about Service Workshop,” Rhodes College, 2007
- “Scholars, Servants, and Citizens,” Rhodes Institute for Regional Studies, Memphis, TN, 2006

Professional Affiliations

- American Political Science Association
- Association for Political Theory
- American Academy of Religion
- Network for Research on Morality