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Academic Appointments

Wake Forest University

F. M. Kirby Foundation Chair of Leadership and Character, 2022–present
Executive Director, Program for Leadership and Character, 2018–present
Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary Humanities, 2022–present
Assistant Professor of Politics, Ethics, and Interdisciplinary Humanities, 2018–2022
University Scholar in Residence & Fellow in the Office of Personal & Career Development, 2016–2018
Affiliate, Environmental Program, 2021–present

The Oxford Character Project

Research Fellow, Oct. 2014–present

University of Oxford

Visiting Fellow, Harris Manchester College, and Academic Visitor, Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oct. 2022–Dec. 2022
Research Fellow, Harris Manchester College, Oct. 2014–July 2016
McDonald-Templeton Postdoctoral Fellow, McDonald Centre for Theology, Ethics, & Public Life, Oct. 2014–July 2016
Member, Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oct. 2014–July 2016
Associate Faculty, Department of Politics and International Relations, Feb. 2016–July 2016

The Rhodes Trust

Dean of Leadership, Service, and Character Development, June 2015–July 2016
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

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

“Educating Character: Building Capacity at Wake Forest University and Other U.S. Colleges and Universities” (\$30,784,443), Principal Investigator, Lilly Endowment, Inc., 2023–2027
“Leadership and Character in the Professions,” (\$8,593,000), Co-Principal Investigator with Kenneth Townsend, Kern Family Foundation, 2022–2025
“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, 2022)
Jonathan Brant, Edward Brooks, and **Michael Lamb**, eds., *Cultivating Virtue in the University* (Oxford University Press, 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).

- *Sara Etz Mendonça, Elise M. Dykhuis, and **Michael Lamb**, “Purposeful Change: The Positive Effects of a Course-Based Intervention on Character,” *The Journal of Positive Psychology* (forthcoming)
- *Dylan Brown and **Michael Lamb**, “Digital Temperance: Adapting an Ancient Virtue for Our Technological Age,” *Ethics and Information Technology*, 24, no., 50 (2022).
- 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* 51, no. 2 (2022): 238–260.
- 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, 2022), 3–26.
- 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, 2022), 253–277.
- 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 is 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, 2022), 115–156.
- 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 on Hope and Politics: A Response to Peter Iver Kaufman,” *Augustinian Studies* 53, no. 1 (2022): 29–45.

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, “Review of Veronica Roberts Ogle, *Politics and the Earthly City in Augustine’s ‘City of God,’*” *Review of Politics* (forthcoming)

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

Op-eds

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

- Reprinted in Anne Snyder and Susannah Black, eds., *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).

Interviews and Podcasts

Michael Lamb with Joshua Blanchard, “A Commonwealth of Hope,” The Augustine Podcast (January 2023)

Michael Lamb with Nathan Beacom, “Michael Lamb on the Work of Hope in a Time of Despair,” Lyceum Movement Podcast (January 9, 2023)

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

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* (Georgetown University Press, under contract)

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)

Articles

*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)

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

Elise M. Dykhuis, *Sara E. Mendonça, Eranda Jayawickreme, and **Michael Lamb**, “Assessing the Functions of Morally Relevant Role Models: Initial Validation of the Moral Exemplars Scale” (in progress)
Michael Lamb, “Frankenstein on Trial: Mary Shelley on Empathy, Reason, and the Law” (in preparation)

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: Memorials, Models, and Portraits of Leadership: Exploring Character through Art – Spring 2022

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 Cutia 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 Presentations

- “How to Develop Leaders of Character,” Virtuous Leadership in Low- and Middle-Income Countries Mapping Project, University of Oxford, 2023
- “What is the Purpose of the University” (panel with Nien-hê Hsieh and Rakesh Khurana), The Spiritual Lives of Leaders, Harvard Business School, 2023
- “How to Educate Character: Seven Strategies for Developing Character in the University” (with Edward Brooks), Educating Character Across the University Conference, Wake Forest University, 2022
- “Why Character?” Educating Character Across the University Conference, Wake Forest University, 2022
- Keynote interview with Cornel West, Educating Character Across the University Conference, Wake Forest University, 2022
- “Augustine and the Politics of Hope,” Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford, 2022
- “Character, Hope, and Politics,” Lounge Lecture, Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford, 2022
- “Educating for Hope,” Keynote at the Kern Partners in Character and Educational Leadership Convening on “Radical Hope for Formative Character Education,” Boston College, 2022
- “An Example of Hope: Augustine’s Political Life in a Pluralistic Age,” Augustine: Frontiers of Pluralism Conference, Villanova University, 2022
- “Educating Character through Exemplars: Designing Research-Based Interventions for Colleges and Universities,” Exemplar Interventions to Develop Character Network Meeting, Wake Forest University, 2022
- “Higher Education and Moral Imagination in a Challenging World,” Keynote Panel with Derek Douglas, Stephanie Shonekan, and Krista Tippett, Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference, 2022
- “Hope and Politics: Lessons from St. Augustine,” Politics and the Virtues Series, Assumption University, 2022
- “The Program for Leadership and Character,” Washington University in St. Louis, 2022
- “Leadership and Character” (with Anne Snyder), Spiritual Lives of Leaders, Harvard Business School and Harvard Divinity School, 2022
- “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,” L’Arca delle Virtù Conference at the 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

- Founded program, designed courses, and organized multiple workshops and events
- Managed program of 20+ staff and postdoctoral fellows
- Chaired or co-chaired searches for 25 faculty/staff/postdoctoral fellows
- 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 Hong Kong University
- Co-organized 4 major international conferences with the Oxford Character Project
- Co-organized and co-led Leadership and Character Course Development Workshops for 75+ 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
Princeton 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, 2022 Conference on “Educating Character across the University,” Wake Forest University
 Co-organizer, 2022 Convening on “Exemplar Interventions to Develop Character,” Wake Forest University
 Co-organizer, 2021 “Convening on Character in Higher Education,” Wake Forest University
 Co-organizer, 2021 Conference on “Character and the Professions” at Wake Forest University with the Oxford Character Project
 Co-organizer, 2019 Convening on “Exemplar Interventions to Develop Character,” 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)

“How to Do Better: Seven Strategies to Strengthen Our Character,” Lyceum Movement, 2023
“Character and Leadership,” University Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Oxford, UK, 2022
“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