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Academic Appointments

Wake Forest University

F. M. Kirby Foundation Chair of Leadership and Character, 2022–present
Senior Executive Director, Program for Leadership and Character, 2023–present
Executive Director, Program for Leadership and Character, 2019–2023
Director, Program for Leadership and Character, 2018–2019
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

University of Oxford

Academic Visitor, Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oct. 2022–Dec. 2022
Visiting Fellow, Harris Manchester College, 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

Oxford Character Project

Associate Fellow, Oct. 2014–present

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

Fellowships and Awards (selected)

Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Maryville College, 2025
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
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

"Leadership and Character in the Professions" extension (\$776,530), Co-Principal Investigator with Kenneth Townsend, Kern Family Foundation, 2026
"Scaling and Sustaining the Educating Character Initiative: Grantmaking, Community Building, and Collective Learning in U.S. Higher Education" (\$35,000,000), Principal Investigator, Lilly Endowment Inc., 2025–2029
"Scaling Capacity at the Educating Character Initiative: A Moment of Opportunity for Cultivating Character at U.S. Institutions" (\$12,478,193), Principal Investigator, Lilly Endowment Inc., 2024–2027
"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
"Postdoctoral Fellow in Character Education" (\$149,739), Co-Principal Investigator with Kate Allman and Alan Brown, Kern Family Foundation (2023–2025)
"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 Inc., 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

Books

- Edward Brooks and **Michael Lamb**, eds., *The Arts of Leading: Perspectives from the Humanities and Liberal Arts* (Georgetown University Press, 2024). ([link](#))
- Michael Lamb**, *A Commonwealth of Hope: Augustine's Political Thought* (Princeton University Press, 2022). ([link](#))
- Jonathan Brant, Edward Brooks, and **Michael Lamb**, eds., *Cultivating Virtue in the University* (Oxford University Press, 2022). ([link](#))
- Michael Lamb** and Brian A. Williams, eds., *Everyday Ethics: Moral Theology and the Practices of Ordinary Life* (Georgetown University Press, 2019). ([link](#))
- Michael Lamb**, ed., *Transformations: Stories of Service* (Rhodes College, 2004).

Articles and Chapters

- Elise M. Dykhuis, Sara E. Mendonça, Eranda Jayawickreme, and **Michael Lamb**, “The Moral Role Models Scale: Assessing Connections to and Functions of Moral Exemplars,” *Journal of Moral Education*. ([link](#))
- Kate R. Allman, Heather M. Maranges, Elizabeth Whiting, Rebecca Park, and **Michael Lamb**, “Exploring Character in Community: Faculty Development in a University-Level Community of Practice,” *Journal of College and Character*, 25, no. 3 (2024), 221–238. ([link](#))
- Edward Brooks and **Michael Lamb**, “Humanizing Leadership: Reimagining Leadership as a Liberal Art,” in *The Arts of Leading: Perspectives from the Humanities and the Liberal Arts*, ed. Edward Brooks and Michael Lamb (Georgetown University Press, 2024), 1–26.
- Michael Lamb**, “Difficult Hope: Wendell Berry and Climate Change,” in *The Virtue of Hope*, ed. Nancy E. Snow (Oxford University Press, 2024), 345–380. ([link](#))
- 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* 19, no. 2 (2024), 323–336. ([link](#))
- Heather M. Maranges, Kate R. Allman, Sara E. Mendonça, and **Michael Lamb**, “Exemplars of Purpose: Reliance on Moral Exemplars Supports College Students’ Purpose in Life,” *International Journal of Educational Research*, 123 (2024), 102269. ([link](#))
- Dylan Brown and **Michael Lamb**, “Digital Temperance: Adapting an Ancient Virtue for Our Technological Age,” *Ethics and Information Technology*, 24, no. 4 (2022): 50. ([link](#))
- 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. ([link](#))
- 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. ([link](#))
- 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. ([link](#))
- 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. ([link](#))
- Adapted 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. ([link](#))
- Michael Lamb**, “Augustine and Political Theory,” in *T&T Clark Handbook of Political Theology*, ed. Rubén Rosario Rodríguez (T&T Clark, 2020), 89–116. ([link](#))
- Adapted and 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. ([link](#))
- 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. ([link](#))
- 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. ([link](#))

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. ([link](#))

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. ([link](#))

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

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

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

- 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). ([link](#))

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

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). ([link](#))

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). ([link](#))

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. ([link](#))

Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications

Articles and Chapters

Dylan Brown and **Michael Lamb**, “Selecting Circumstances for Technological Temperance,” in *Improving Character*, ed. Robert Hartman (forthcoming).

Michael Lamb, “The Politics of Usufruct: Augustine on Using and Enjoying the Commonwealth and Creation,” *Augustinian Studies*, 56, no. 1 (2025), 139–161. ([link](#))

Sara E. Mendonça, Kate R. Allman, **Michael Lamb**, and Donovan Livingston, “Exemplars of Justice: Supporting College Students’ Critical Consciousness Development through Interinstitutional Engagement with Moral Exemplars,” *Journal of Character Education* (forthcoming June 2025).

Michael Lamb, “The Moral Ecology of the University,” in *The Necessity of Character: Moral Formation and Leadership in our Time*, ed. James Mumford and Ryan S. Olson (Finstock & Tew Publishers, 2024), 203–212. ([link](#))

Michael Lamb and Kenneth Townsend, “Wake Forest University’s Program for Leadership and Character: A Case Study,” in *The Routledge International Handbook of Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Character Development*, Volume II, ed. Michael D. Matthews and Richard M. Lerner (Routledge, 2024), 369–389. ([link](#))

Michael Lamb, “Augustine on Hope and Politics: A Response to Peter Iver Kaufman,” *Augustinian Studies* 53, no. 1 (2022): 29–45. ([link](#))

- Adapted and published as **Michael Lamb**, “Augustine on Hope and Politics,” *Augustine and Frontiers of Pluralism*, ed. Boleslaw Z. Kabala, Thomas P. Harmon, Ashleen Menchaca-Bagnulo (Routledge, 2025).

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

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. ([link](#))

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. ([link](#))

Reviews

Michael Lamb, “Review of Veronica Roberts Ogle, *Politics and the Earthly City in Augustine’s ‘City of God,’*” *Review of Politics* 85, no. 2 (2023): 269–272. ([link](#))

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

Op-Eds and Guest Essays

Michael Lamb, “St. Augustine Was No Stranger to Culture Wars – and Has Something to Say about Today’s,” *The Conversation* (November 1, 2024) ([link](#)).

- Republished in the *Caledonian Record*, *The Daily Times*, *The Derrick*, *Longview News-Journal*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Owensboro Messenger and Inquirer*, *Religion News Service*, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, *Sight*, *Times West Virginian*.

Michael Lamb, “How to Educate Hope,” *Virtues & Vocations* (Summer 2023). ([link](#))

Michael Lamb, “Be What You Hope For,” *Aeon* (June 26, 2023). ([link](#))

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

- Reprinted in Anne Snyder and Susannah Black, eds., *Breaking Ground: Charting Our Future in a Pandemic Year* (Plough Publishing House, 2021). ([link](#))

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

Interviews and Podcasts

Michael Lamb with Scott Parsons, “Flourishing with Hope: Character, Virtue, and Leadership,” *Flourishing Leaders Podcast* (October 14, 2025) ([link](#))

Michael Lamb with Erin VanLaningham and John Barton, “Cultivating Virtue,” *Callings* (October 13, 2025) ([link](#))

Michael Lamb with Jessica Anschutz, “Leadership as a Liberal Art,” *Leading Ideas Talks* (September 16, 2025) ([link](#))

Michael Lamb with Shea Kidd Brown, *Kidd You Not* (September 2025) ([link](#))

Michael Lamb with Chad Kim, *A History of Christian Theology Podcast* (June 2025) ([link](#))

Michael Lamb with Maricarmen Esper, “Character Education for Flourishing,” *Leaders Cultivating a Flourishing World* (April 9, 2025) ([link](#))

Michael Lamb, “Interview with Michael Lamb,” *Love Thy Niebuhr* (January 21, 2025) ([link](#))

Michael Lamb with Gregor Thuswaldner, “Integrating Character Education in Higher Education: A Conversation with Michael Lamb,” *EdUp Provost Podcast* (December 11, 2024). ([link](#))

Michael Lamb with Colleen Mitchell, “Interview with Michael Lamb,” *The Augustine Blog* (December 5, 2023). ([link](#))

Michael Lamb with Nigel Warburton and David Edmonds, “Augustine on Hope,” *Philosophy Bites* (October 16, 2023). ([link](#))

Michael Lamb with Rob Harter, “Why Character and Virtue Matter,” *Nonprofit Leadership Podcast* (June 2023). ([link](#))

Michael Lamb with Grace Hamman, “Augustine and Hope,” *Old Books with Grace Podcast* (May 2023). ([link](#))

Michael Lamb with Matthew Andersen, “A Conversation with Michael Lamb,” *Blog of the Centre for Intellectual History at the University of Oxford* (April 28, 2023). ([link](#))

Michael Lamb with Cherie Harder, “Character, Virtue, and Leadership,” *The Trinity Forum Podcast* (April 4, 2023). ([link](#))

Michael Lamb with Sam Fornecker, “St. Augustine and a More Hopeful Politics,” *The Ridley Institute Podcast* (February 2023). ([link](#))

Michael Lamb with Jonathan Rogers, “Michael Lamb on Hope and Persuasion,” *The Habit Podcast* (February 2023). ([link](#))

Michael Lamb with Joshua Blanchard, “A Commonwealth of Hope,” *The Augustine Podcast* (January 2023). ([link](#))

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

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

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

Creative Nonfiction

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

Michael Lamb, “Stuck,” in *Transformations: Stories of Service* (Rhodes College, 2004), 17–23.

Michael Lamb, “Burying Castles in the Ground,” in *Transformations: Stories of Service* (Rhodes College, 2004), 75–78.

Poetry

Michael Lamb, “autumn leaves...,” *Modern Haiku* 57.1 (forthcoming).

Michael Lamb, “beneath the old church,” *Presence*, #83 (forthcoming 2026).

Michael Lamb, “English cottage,” *Presence*, #83 (forthcoming 2026).

Michael Lamb, “chapel ruins...,” *Presence*, #83 (forthcoming 2026).

Michael Lamb, “first workout in weeks,” *tsuri-dōrō*, 30 (forthcoming Nov/Dec 2025).

Michael Lamb, “five year old’s first flight,” *Frogpond* 48.3 (forthcoming 2025).

Michael Lamb, “after,” *Frogpond* 48.3 (forthcoming 2025).

Michael Lamb, “reflecting pool,” *cattails* (October 2025)

Michael Lamb, “last thing touched,” Haiku Society of America Member Anthology (forthcoming 2025).

Michael Lamb, “late summer eve,” *Modern Haiku* 56:3 (2025).

Michael Lamb, “after the break-up,” *Akitsu Quarterly* (Fall/Winter 2025).

Michael Lamb, “flame in the foam,” *Akitsu Quarterly* Fall/Winter 2025).

Michael Lamb, “the groom’s tears,” *Wales Haiku Journal* (Summer 2025).

Michael Lamb, “empty swing,” *tsuri-dōrō*, #28 (July/August 2025). ([link](#))

Michael Lamb, “trouble,” *Frogpond* 48.2 (2025), 6.

Michael Lamb, “empty pint glass,” *tsuri-dōrō*, #27 (May/June 2025), 5. ([link](#))

Michael Lamb, “weighing,” *tsuri-dōrō*, #27 (May/June 2025), 2. ([link](#))

Publications in Progress

Books

Kenneth Townsend and **Michael Lamb**, eds., *Character and the Professions* (in progress), with contributions from Kate Allman (Wake Forest), Eric Beerbohm (Harvard), Taya Cohen (Carnegie Mellon), Stephanie Creary (Penn), Ryan Davis (BYU), Margaret Plews-Ogan (UVA), Shannon Vallor (Edinburgh), & Jonathan Lee Walton (Princeton Theological Seminary)

Articles/Chapters

Michael Lamb and Edward Brooks, “Teaching Virtue Literacy in the University” (in progress)

Edward Brooks and **Michael Lamb**, “Ten Reasons for Colleges and Universities to Educate Character” (in progress)

Corey Crossan, Anjali Sarker, Edward Brooks, **Michael Lamb**, Douglas Lindsey, and Rebecca Park, “From Knowing to Becoming: A Tech-Enabled Effectiveness Framework for Character Development (TARGET),” in *Technology and Leadership Connections: How Innovation is Driving Change for Leaders and Followers*, ed. Rich Bakken (Emerald Publishing) (under review)

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

Research Appointments

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, 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025
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 385: Leadership and Character in Global Context – Spring 2024
HMN 389: Directed Reading and Research – Fall 2020, Spring 2025
HMN 390: Directed Writing – Spring 2021
POL 269: Topics in Political Theory: How to Keep a Republic – Fall 2017
Guest lectures for:
Cultivating Character and Leadership on the Camino de Santiago – Bradley Burroughs (Humanities) – Spring 2024
Character and Competence – Ann Phelps (Humanities) – Spring 2024
Developing Entrepreneurial Character on Pilgrimage – Johann Ducharme (Entrepreneurship/HMN) – Spring 2023
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 DeLongpré 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 Lectures, Panels, and Presentations

“Character and the Constitution: What the Founders Can Teach Us about How to Keep a Republic,” Wake Forest University Lifelong Learning Lecture, 2025

“Living the Questions,” Soul Spark, Wake Forest School of Divinity, 2025

“Character and the Constitution: What the Founders Can Teach Us about How to Keep Our Republic,” Rhodes College, 2025

“The Arts of Leading” (with Edward Brooks), University of Chicago Graham School, 2025

“Understanding the Foundations of Character Development,” Leadership and Character Certificate Program, Wake Forest University, 2025

“Teaching Virtue Literacy in the University” (with Edward Brooks), Moral Formation in Higher Education, Boston College, 2025

“A Commonwealth of Hope: Augustine’s Political Thought,” NYU-Florence, 2025

Panelist, “Virtues, Justice, and National Identity,” Moral Responsibility and the Future of Democracy Conference, NYU-Florence, 2025

“Err on the Side of Gratitude,” Maryville College Commencement Speech, 2025

“A Commonwealth of Hope: Augustine’s Political Thought,” Institute for Human Ecology, The Catholic University of America, 2025

“Why Character Matters for Higher Education,” Opening Keynote, Coalition for Transformational Education Conference, University of Miami, 2025

“Leading Yourself: Purposes, Pressures, Virtues, and Practices” (with Kenneth Townsend), ACC Academic Leadership Network Conference, Wake Forest University, 2025

“Difficult Hope: Wendell Berry and Climate Change,” Course on The Sustainability Virtues: Cultivating Character for a Flourishing Future, Arizona State University, 2025

Panelist, “Humanities and Leadership,” Civic Humanism Center for Character and Professional Ethics, University of Navarra, Spain, 2025

“How to Become a Better Leader: Seven Strategies for Cultivating Character,” University of Memphis, Ascend Health Sciences Day, 2025

“How to Educate Character: Seven Strategies for Cultivating Virtue,” Rhodes College, 2025

“Exemplars of Justice: Supporting College Students’ Critical Consciousness Development through Interinstitutional Engagement with Moral Exemplars” (with Sara Etz Mendonça and Kate R. Allman), Kern Partners in Character Education Leadership Conference, 2025

Panelist, “Questions of Character: How to Build Institutional Capacity and Empower Faculty and Staff,” Educating Character Initiative Webinar, 2025

Panelist, “The Arts of Leading,” Rhodes House, University of Oxford, 2025

Panelist, “Cultivating Character in the University,” Conference on Character and Global Challenges, University of Oxford, hosted by Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues at the University of Birmingham, 2025

“Climate Change and the Virtue of Hope: Lessons from Wendell Berry,” Conference on Character and Global Challenges, University of Oxford, hosted by Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues at the University of Birmingham, 2025

“Questions of Character,” Oxford Character Project and Hong Kong Jockey Club, University of Oxford, 2025

“Character in the Curriculum,” Convening on the Moral and Civic Life of Colleges, Making Caring Common, Harvard Graduate School of Education, 2025

“The Arts of Leading” (with Edward Brooks), Georgetown Humanities Initiative, Georgetown University, 2024

Panelist, “The Arts of Leading: Perspectives from the Humanities and the Liberal Arts,” Wake Washington Center, 2024

“Hospitality, Humility, Heart, and Hope,” Educating Character Across Differences Conference, Wake Forest

University, 2024

“Educating Character Across Differences,” Educating Character Across Differences Conference, Wake Forest University, 2024

Panelist, “Character, Service, and Leadership Programme Evolution,” Rhodes Trust, University of Oxford, 2024

“Beyond Pessimism: Exploring the Character of Hope,” Fireside Chat with Dusya Vera, Ian O. Ihnatowycz Institute for Leadership, Ivey School of Business, Western University, 2024

“Dialogues with Antiquity: Commencing Character,” Civics Institute, University of Denver, 2024

“How to Educate Character,” F. M. Kirby Foundation Lunch and Learn, 2024

“The Politics of Stewardship: Augustine on Using and Enjoying the Commonwealth and Creation,” Reconsiderations VI: Politics After Augustine: Prospects for Unitas in a Foundationless Age, Villanova University, 2024

“Seven Strategies for Developing Character in the University,” Faculty Course Development Workshop, Wake Forest University, 2024

“How to Educate Character: Seven Strategies for Cultivating Civic Virtue,” Civil Rights and Civic Virtues Summer Seminar, Auburn University at Montgomery, 2024

Panelist, “Creating Cultures of Character on Campus,” Higher Education and Human Flourishing Conference, Virtues & Vocation, University of Notre Dame, 2024

“Living the Questions,” Rhodes Trust, University of Oxford, 2024

“A Commonwealth of Hope: Augustine’s Political Thought,” Augustine and Contemporary Political Thought Graduate Seminar, University of Notre Dame, 2024

“The State of Higher Education: Challenges and Opportunities,” Moral Ecology Trust, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, 2024

“Higher Purposes for Higher Education: Developing Character to Support Vocation,” NetVUE Conference, Atlanta, GA, 2024

“Program for Leadership and Character and Educating Character Initiative,” Human Flourishing Program, Harvard University, 2024

“Seven Strategies for Educating Character in the University,” Educating Character Initiative, Wake Forest University, 2024

Faculty Luncheon on Educating Character in the University, Whitworth University, 2024

“Character Formation in the University,” George Fox University, 2024

“What’s Hope Got to Do With It?: Politics in a Time of Presumption and Despair,” George Fox University, 2024

“What Is Character, and Why Should We Educate It?” and “How to Cultivate Character in the University,” Senior Leadership Character Retreat, George Fox University, 2024

“How to Build Institutional Capacity: Lessons from Wake Forest” (with Kenneth Townsend), Educating Character Initiative, Wake Forest University, 2024

“How to Cultivate Character: Seven Strategies for Developing Virtue,” Thomistic Institute, University of South Carolina, 2024

“Learning How to Be Better People,” Belmont University, 2024

“Educating Character in the University,” Faculty Workshop at Universidad Francisco de Vitoria, Madrid, 2024

“The Courage to Teach Character,” Keynote Address, Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues, University of Oxford, 2024

“Wake Forest University’s Program for Leadership and Character,” The Flourishing Student International Webinar Series, Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues, 2023

“A Commonwealth of Hope: Augustine’s Political Thought,” Augustine and Augustinianisms Seminar, Princeton University, 2023

Faculty Lunch Conversation, The Augustinian Institute, Villanova University, 2023

“Response to Critics of *A Commonwealth of Hope*,” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies Conference, Villanova University, 2023

“A Commonwealth of Hope: Reimagining Augustine’s Political Thought,” Wake Forest School of Divinity Faith Forum, 2023

“Theorizing Hope with Augustine,” American Political Science Association, Theorizing Hope Roundtable, 2023

“A Commonwealth of Hope: Augustine’s Political Thought,” Duke University Graduate Student Reading Group, 2023

“Seven Strategies to Develop Character-Based Leadership,” Character, Culture and Leadership in UK Business Conference, Oxford Character Project, University of Oxford, 2023
 “A Commonwealth of Hope: Augustine’s Political Thought,” Baylor University Department of Religion, 2023
 “No One Way to Lead” (panel with Doyin Atewologun, Elizabeth Kiss, and Mayanka Mukherji), Rhodes Scholar Character, Service, and Leadership Retreat, Leamington Spa, UK, 2023
 “A Commonwealth of Hope: Augustine’s Political Thought,” Canterbury Institute, Oxford, UK, 2023
 “A Commonwealth of Hope: Augustine’s Political Thought,” Yale Religious Ethics Colloquium, Yale University, 2023
 “Hope & Character,” Virtues and Vocations Initiative, University of Notre Dame, 2023
 “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 University, 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
 Facilitator of 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,” Department of Engineering, Wake Forest University, 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

Community Outreach and Public Presentations (selected)

- “Calling Upon Character,” Leadership and Character Scholars Initiation, Wake Forest University, 2025
- “Friendships of Character” (with Ann Phelps), Wake Forest University Homecoming, 2025
- “What Is College For?” Wake Forest University Parents Council Leadership and Character Interest Group, 2025
- “Leadership and Character,” WAKECharlotte, WAKEGSO, and WAKEDC/Baltimore Boards, 2025
- “Leadership and Character,” Wake Forest College Board of Visitors, 2025
- “Leadership and Character,” Wake Forest University Alumni Council, 2025
- Panelist, “Vocation Panel,” Program for Leadership and Character, Wake Forest University, 2025
- “Leadership and Character,” Wake Forest College Board of Visitors Interest Group, 2025
- “Leadership and Character,” Twin City Kiwanis Club, Winston-Salem, NC, 2025
- “The Arts of Leading,” DrinkTank, 2025
- “Leadership and Character,” New Parent Forum, Wake Forest University, 2025
- “Friendships of Character,” Wake Forest University events in Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, and San Juan Capistrano, CA, 2024
- “The Courage of Our Character,” Leadership and Character Scholars Initiation, Wake Forest University, 2024
- “Leadership and Character,” Wake Forest Parents Council, 2024
- “Leadership and Character,” Wake Forest Board of Trustees, 2024
- “Friendship in the Lives of Leaders,” Wake Forest Parents Council Interest Group, 2024
- “Overview of the Program for Leadership and Character,” Wake Forest University, 2024
- “The Courage to Teach Character,” The Trinity Forum, Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville, TN, 2023
- “What Is Character?” St. Paul Christian Academy, Nashville, TN, 2023
- “Benediction” and “Philosophy in Rhyme,” Poet-Trees, Wake Forest University, 2023
- “Becoming Leaders of Character,” Leadership and Character Scholars Initiation, Wake Forest University, 2021, 2023
- “Truth, Loyalty, and Service,” Inauguration of President Jennifer Collins and 175th Anniversary of Rhodes College, 2023
- “A Conversation with Michael Lamb on Postgraduate Fellowships,” Rhodes College, 2023
- Michael Lamb with Timothy Huebner, Rhodes College Board of Trustees, 2023
- “Character, Virtue, and Leadership,” Conversation with Cherie Harder, The Trinity Forum, 2023
- “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

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 40+ staff, faculty affiliates, and postdoctoral fellows
 Helped to raise over \$100 million to support scholarships, faculty, staff, programming, and subgrants
 Chaired or co-chaired searches for 30+ faculty/staff/postdoctoral fellows
 Co-developed new Leadership and Character Scholarship Program for 10-12 students per year
 Developed partnerships, collaborations, or co-sponsored events with 40+ schools, departments, or offices
 Established partnerships with the Oxford Character Project, Hong Kong University, Jubilee Centre for
Character and Virtues, and European Character and Virtue Association
 Co-organized 5 major international conferences
 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

Facilitator, “Why Vote?” Wake Forest Leadership and Character Scholars Program, 2020, 2024
 Co-Organizer, “Leadership and Character in Global Contexts” spring break trip to the UK, 2023
 Call to Conversation Moderator, 2017–2021
 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 Catholic Philosophical Quarterly
American Political Science Review
Augustinian Studies
Journal of the American Philosophical Association
Journal of Beliefs and Values
Journal of Character Education
Journal of Church and State
Journal of Ethics
Journal of Moral Education
Journal of Politics

Journal of Religious Ethics
Journal of Research on Adolescence
Political Theology
Political Theory
Review of Politics
Theory and Research in Education
 Cambridge University Press
 Palgrave Macmillan
 Princeton University Press
 John Templeton Foundation
 Templeton World Charity Foundation

Augustine & Augustinianisms Program Unit, American Academy of Religion, Co-chair, 2024–present, Steering Committee Member, 2019–present
 Advisor, Moral Ecology Trust, University of Virginia Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, 2024–present
 Consultant for “Character Education in Universities: A Framework for Flourishing,” Oxford Character Project and Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues, 2020
 Co-Chair, “Moral Education in Ancient Greece and China” panel at conference on “Moral Education between East Asian and Greco-Roman Classics,” Ioannou Centre, University of Oxford, 2025
 Co-organizer, 2024 Conference on “Educating Character Across Differences,” Wake Forest University
 Co-organizer, “What Can the Humanities and the Liberal Arts Teach Us about Leadership?” Wake Forest University, 2024
 Co-chair, “Augustine, Slavery, and Race” panels at American Academy of Religion annual meeting, 2024
 Co-organizer, 2023 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

Professional Affiliations

Alliance for Civics in the Academy
American Political Science Association
American Academy of Religion
Network for Research on Morality