

## Karl Aho

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### Academic Employment

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Tarleton State University, 2017-present  
Instructor of Philosophy, Tarleton State University, 2016-2017

### Education

Baylor University, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2016  
Boston College, M.A. in Philosophy, 2010  
Valparaiso University, B.A. in Philosophy and Humanities, 2007

**Areas of Specialization:** Ethics, 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> century History of Philosophy  
**Areas of Competence:** History of Philosophy (Ancient and Modern), Existentialism,  
Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysics (Philosophy of Time)

### Publications

- “Kierkegaard and Moral Particularism,” in *The Kierkegaardian Mind*, ed. Patrick Stokes, Eleanor Helms, and Adam Buben, Routledge (in progress)
- “Augustine and Kierkegaard on Time,” in *Augustine and Kierkegaard*, ed. Kim Paffenroth, Helene Russell, and John Doody, Lexington Books (submitted)
- “Kierkegaard,” with C. Stephen Evans, in *Blackwell Companion to 19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy*, Ed. John Shand, Wiley Blackwell (submitted)
- “Fideism,” with C. Stephen Evans, in *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*, Ed. Steward Goetz and Charles Taliaferro (submitted)
- “William James’s Pragmatic Pluralism and the American University’s Loss of Soul,” in *Stewards of the Academy*, Palgrave Macmillan, Forthcoming 2018
- “Why we need a vacation,” *Traveling Well*, Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics p. 11-18. 2016.

### Book Review

Review of *Kierkegaard, Aesthetics, and Selfhood: The Art of Subjectivity* by Peder Jothen, in *The Heythrop Journal*, 58 (4): 702-703. 2017.

### Selected Presentations

“Purging the ‘Problem Problem’ using Dante’s *Purgatorio*” Association for Core Texts and Course Twenty-third Annual Conference, April 2017

- “Learning about temporality from the Lily and the Bird: Kierkegaard on our attitudes towards time,” Soren Kierkegaard Society at the American Philosophical Association Central Division, March 2016
- “Can the single individual be a team player?: Kierkegaard on the role of community in sports,” The Spirit of Sports, Baylor University, November 2015
- “Kierkegaard’s Revision of the Aristotelian Virtue of Courage,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, December 2014
- “Towards a Kierkegaardian Metaphysics,” Kierkegaard and the Present Age, Brigham Young University, November 2013
- “Teaching Kierkegaard’s Timely Virtues,” Virtues, Vices, and Teaching, Calvin College, October 2013
- “Kierkegaardian Courage,” Seventh International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College, June 2013
- “Philosophy as Training for Death: The reflexivity of Socratic exhortation in the *Phaedo*,” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University, October 2012
- “The Fearful and Trembling Bear it Away: Søren Kierkegaard and Flannery O’Connor,” Flannery O’Connor Among the Philosophers and Theologians, Loyola University Chicago, October 2011

### Commentaries

- Comments on Robin Weiss, “The Furthest Reaches of Community: The Stoics on Justice for Humans and for Animals,” Ancient Philosophy Society Conference 2017, Waco, TX
- Comments on Wojtek Kaftanski, “Between the Single Individual and the Ideal Christian: Some Mimetic Aspects of Kierkegaard's Ideal Self,” Seventh International Kierkegaard Conference, St. Olaf College, Summer 2013
- Comments on Linda Zagzebski’s ‘Religious Authority’ (Wilde Lecture and chapter 9 of her *Epistemic Authority*), Nate Jackson, co-author, The Zagzebski Symposium: *Epistemic Authority: A Theory of Trust, Authority, and Autonomy in Belief*, Baylor University, Fall 2011

### Courses Taught

Tarleton State

Philosophy 1301: Intro to Philosophy, Fall 2016-present

Philosophy 3301: Ethics in the Professions, Spring 2017-present

Baylor

Baylor Interdisciplinary Core 2330: Social World I: The City and the Soul, Fall 2015

Great Texts 2301: The Intellectual Tradition of the Ancient World, Spring 2016

Philosophy 1306: Intro to Logic, Spring 2014, 2015, Spring 2016 (LLC section)

Philosophy 1308: Introductory Topics in Ethics (two sections), Fall 2015  
 Philosophy 2301: Existentialism, Fall 2013, Fall 2014

### Other Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Honors Research Directed:

Katelyn Moody, "Plato, *The Hunger Games*, and Dystopia," Social World I, Fall 2015  
 John Schulz, "Aristotle on the distribution of wealth," Social World I, Fall 2015  
 Catherine Schenck, "The History of Logic," Intro to Logic, Spring 2014  
 Bethany Page, "Sartre: A Modern Adaptation," Existentialism, Fall 2013

Honors Colloquium Instructor:

"Philosophy, Welding, and Human Flourishing," Spring 2016  
 "Three Translations of Sophocles' 'Ode to Man,'" Spring 2015  
 "Purity of Heart is to Will One Thing," Spring 2014  
 "Hannah Arendt's 'Thinking and Moral Considerations,'" Fall 2013  
 "Charles Taylor's *The Ethics of Authenticity*," Spring 2013  
 "Kierkegaard's *Present Age*," Fall 2012

Teaching Presentations:

"Teaching with Special Collections from the Armstrong Browning Library" Seminar  
 for Excellence in Teaching Panel, Fall 2015  
 "Teaching Dante's Divine Comedy," Seminar for Excellence in Teaching, Fall 2015  
 "Balancing your Graduate Studies and your Personal Life," Workshop, Spring 2013

### Fellowships and Awards

Armstrong Browning Library Teaching Fellowship, Spring 2015  
 Baylor Kierkegaard Society Workshop, Internal Grant, Spring 2015  
 Presidential Scholarship, Baylor University, Fall 2010-Spring 2015  
 Summer Research Fellowship, Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College, Summer 2014  
 Conyers Graduate Scholar, Baylor University, Fall 2012-Spring 2013  
 Lilly Graduate Fellowship, 2010-2013  
 Outstanding Leadership and Service Award, Valparaiso University, 2007  
 Phi Beta Kappa, Spring 2007  
 Phi Sigma Tau, Spring 2005

### Service

Professional

Referee: *Religions*, 2016-2017  
 Curator at Large: *Public Philosophy Journal*, 2014-2015  
 Referee: *Continental Philosophy Review*, 2013-2014  
 Assisted with "Kierkegaard: A Christian Thinker for Our Time?" Conference at  
 Baylor University, Fall 2013  
 Assisted with organizing Boston College Graduate Conferences "On Education"  
 Spring 2010 and "On Power" Spring 2011

University

Advisor, Tarleton State University Alpha Phi Omega, Fall 2016-present  
 Baylor University Press Committee, 2013-2016  
 Co-Convener, Baylor Kierkegaard Society, 2012-2016  
 Student Intellectual Community Enhancement Money (SIC'EM) committee,  
 Fall 2010-2016 (Chair during Spring 2011)

Assisted with curating the physical and online exhibition for the “The Uses of Religion in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Studies” Conference, Spring 2016

**Departmental**

Student Presenter, Baylor Graduate Student Orientation, Fall 2015

Digital Content Editor, Baylor Philosophy Department Website Redesign Project (www.baylor.edu/philosophy), Fall 2014-Summer 2015

Philosophy Representative, Baylor Graduate Student Association, 2010-2015

Organizer, Baylor Philosophy Graduate Student Visit Weekend, 2013, 2014

**Community**

Community Coordinator, Quadrangle Graduate Housing Community, Baylor University, Summer 2014-present

Associate Community Coordinator, Quadrangle Graduate Housing Community, Baylor University, Spring 2014

Associate Community Coordinator, Browning Square Graduate Housing Community, Baylor University, Spring 2011

**Professional Development**

Workshop on Teaching and Learning in Philosophy, American Association of Philosophy Teachers, Fall 2015

Summer Seminar on Teaching Dante’s Divine Comedy, Samford University, Summer 2015

Teaching Capstone in Higher Education, Baylor University, awarded Spring 2014

Adjunct Teaching Workshop, Baylor University, Spring 2013

**Professional Memberships**

American Association of Philosophy Teachers

American Philosophical Association

Søren Kierkegaard Society (USA)

**Languages**

Danish (reading competence)

Greek (Attic/Koine reading competence)

German (reading competence)

**References**

Available on request.