

# Dr. Michael Czapkay Sudduth

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## Education

- D.Phil., University of Oxford, 1996  
D.Phil. Dissertation: A Foundationalist Case for the Compatibility of Theistic Evidentialism and the Religious Epistemology of Alvin Plantinga  
Professor Richard Swinburne (supervisor)  
John D. Kenyon (internal examiner, Oxford Philosophy Faculty)  
Paul Helm (external examiner, Dept. of Theology and Religious Studies, King's College London)
- M.Phil. in philosophical theology, University of Oxford, 1994  
M.Phil. Dissertation Topic: The Epistemology of Religious Belief  
Tutorial Instructors: Richard Swinburne, Keith Ward, D.H. Rice, Brian Davies, Alister McGrath  
Examination Papers: *Philosophy of Religion, Medieval and Modern Philosophical Theology, History of Christian Doctrine in Western Europe from Gabriel Biel to John Calvin*
- B.A. in philosophy and classics (*summa cum laude*), Santa Clara University, 1992

**Areas of Specialization:** Philosophy of Religion, Philosophical Theology

**Areas of Competence:** Medieval Philosophy, Metaphysics, Epistemology

**Areas of Specific Interest:** natural theology, religious experience, and postmortem survival/afterlife views

**Languages:** Latin and Greek

## Professional Experience

- Philosophy Lecturer (Full Time), San Francisco State University, San Francisco, California, August 2008 – present
- Philosophy Lecturer (Part Time), San Francisco State University, San Francisco, California, January 2005 – August 2008
- Philosophy Lecturer, California State University, East Bay, Hayward, California, January 2005 – July 2008
- Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, University of Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut, Fall 2002 – Spring 2004
- Associate Professor of Philosophy (Tenured), Saint Michael's College, Colchester, Vermont, June 2002-June 2003
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Saint Michael's College, Colchester, Vermont, September 1997-June 2002
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 1996-June 1997
- Instructor in philosophy, St. Anne's College, University of Oxford, Oxford, England, April-June 1995
- Instructor in Philosophy and Theology, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Oxford, England, October 1994-March 1995

## Courses Taught

- San Francisco State University: Critical Thinking, World Religions, Nature of Religious Experience, Medieval Philosophy, History of Christian Thought: St. Paul to St. Augustine, Introduction to Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Introduction to Philosophy and Religion, Directed Readings in Religious Studies.
- California State University, East Bay: World Religions, Introduction to Logic, Clear Thinking, Science, Ethics, and Technology, Business and Professional Ethics, Comparative Themes: East and West, Philosophy of Religion
- University of Hartford: Introduction to Philosophy
- Saint Michael's College: Introduction to Philosophical Problems, Philosophy of Society, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Knowledge, Metaphysics, Rene Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy*, Readings in Religious Epistemology, Senior Seminar: Death and Immortality
- Calvin College: Introduction to Philosophy, Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Christian Perspectives on Learning
- Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies: Introduction to Western Philosophy (Pre-Socratics to St. Augustine), Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Reformation Theology
- Saint Anne's College, University of Oxford: Philosophy of Religion

## Books

- *The Reformed Objection to Natural Theology* (Farnham: Ashgate, 2009).

## Previously Published Articles

- "Revisiting the 'Reformed Objection' to Natural Theology," *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* (November 2009) [invited]
- "John Calvin" in *History of the Philosophy of Religion*, ed. Nick Trakakis and Graham Oppy (Acumen Publishing, 2009) [invited]
- "Super-Psi and the Survivalist Interpretation of Mediumship," *the Journal of Scientific Exploration*, 23:2 (2009).
- "The Contribution of Religious Experience to Dogmatic Theology" in *Analytic Theology*, ed. Michael Rea and Oliver Crisp (Oxford University Press, 2009) [invited]
- "Defeaters," *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (December 2008). [invited]
- "Reformed Epistemology and the Recontextualizing of Natural Theology" in *Philosophy of Religion: Contemporary Practice and Method: New Essays*, ed. Rolfe King and David Cheetham (Continuum Press, 2008). [invited]
- "Pico della Mirandola's Philosophy of Religion" in *Miraculum Est Homo: The Renaissance Philosopher Giovanni Pico della Mirandola* (Cambridge University Press, 2007). [invited]
- "Reformed Epistemology and Christian Apologetics," *Religious Studies* (September 2003).
- "Plantinga's Revision of the Reformed Tradition: Rethinking Our Natural Knowledge of God," *Philosophical Books: Symposium on Warranted Christian Belief, Alvin Plantinga*, ed. Anthony Ellis (April 2002).
- "Can Religious Unbelief be Proper Function Rational?" *Faith and Philosophy* (July 1999)
- "The Internalist Character and Evidential Implications of Plantingian Defeaters," *The International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* (June 1999).

- "Proper Basicity and the Evidential Significance of Internalist Defeat: A Proposal for Revising Classical Evidentialism" in *The Rationality of Christian Belief* (Kluwer Academic Press, 1999).
- "Calvin, Plantinga, and the Natural Knowledge of God: A Response to Beversluis," *Faith and Philosophy* (January 1998).
- "The Prospects for 'Mediate' Natural Theology in John Calvin," *Religious Studies* (March 1995).
- "Alstonian Foundationalism and Higher-Level Theistic Evidentialism," *the International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* (February 1995).
- "Bi-Level Evidentialism and Reformed Apologetics," *Faith and Philosophy* (July 1994).

### Previously Published Reviews

- Review of David Fontana, *Life Beyond Death: What Should We Expect?* London: Watkins Press, 2009. *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, 23:3 (2009).
- Review of Stephen K. Moroney, *The Noetic Effects of Sin: A Historical and Contemporary Exploration of How Sin Affects Our Thinking*, Lexington Books, 2000. *Theology Today* (January 2002).

### Papers and Reviews in Progress

- Review of Nicholas Wolterstorff, *Selected Essays*, Vol. 1 and 2, ed. Terence Cuneo, Cambridge University Press, 2010. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.
- Review of *Alvin Plantinga*, ed. Deane-Peter Baker, Cambridge University Press, 2007. *Ars Disputandi: The Online Journal for Philosophy of Religion*.
- Review of David Lund, *Persons, Souls, and Death: A Philosophical Investigation of an Afterlife*, McFarland & Company, 2009. *Journal of Scientific Exploration*.
- "Simplicity and the Survival Hypothesis"

### Professional Activities

- Associate Editor, *the Journal of Scientific Exploration* (January 2009–present)
- Director of the Religious Studies program, Department of Philosophy, San Francisco State University (August 2008–present)
- Member of Board of Directors for Philosophy and Religion (PAR) in the Value Inquiry Book Series (VIPS) published by Editions Rodopi. (2000–present)  
<http://faculty.uccb.ns.ca/philosophy/par/frontpage.htm>
- Journal referee for *Faith and Philosophy* (1997–2002), *Religious Studies* (2002), *American Philosophical Quarterly* (2002–2003), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (2002–2003), and *the Journal of Scientific Exploration* (May 2008–present).
- Moderator and owner of Reformed Epistemology Internet Listserv, over 600 subscribers. (1998–present) <http://www.egroups.com/group/reformed-epistemology/>

### Record of Department and College Service

- Coordinator of the Religion Program in the Philosophy Department at San Francisco State University. (August 2008–present)
- Authored revision of the "Creative Spirit" cluster program in the general education curriculum at California State University, East Bay (summer 2007)

- Member of the Honors Committee, Saint Michael's College (2000–2002)
- Advisor to the philosophy club, Saint Michael's College (1998–2001)
- Co-author with Dr. John Izzi of a proposal for a new philosophy curriculum, implemented fall semester 2000, Saint Michael's College (1999)
- Academic advisor, general and departmental, Saint Michael's College (1998–2002)
- Chair of the Teaching Resource Committee, Saint Michael's College (1998–2000)

## Honors and Awards

- *Summer Research Stipend*, St. Michael's College, 2000
- *Visiting Fellowship in Philosophy of Religion*, University of Notre Dame, 1995–96
- *Denyer and Johnson Studentship in Theology*, University of Oxford, 1993-1994, 1994–95
- *St. Hugh's College Senior Scholarship in Theology*, University of Oxford, 1994–95
- *ORS Award*, University of Oxford, 1992–93, 1993–94, 1994–95
- *Oriel College Graduate Scholarship*, University of Oxford 1992–93
- *Senior Prize in Philosophy*, Santa Clara University, 1992
- *Honorable Mention in USA TODAY, "America's Top Junior College Students"*, 1992
- *Strobel Scholarship*, Santa Clara University, 1990-91, 91–92
- *Presidential Scholarship*, Santa Clara University, 1991–92
- *Class of 1939 Award in Philosophy*, Santa Clara University, 1990
- *Santa Clara University Grant*, Santa Clara University, 1989–90

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