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Education

M.A. (In Progress), Philosophy August 2020 – Present
St. Louis University
Advisor: Eleonore Stump

B.A., Philosophy, Mathematics, and Catholic Studies, *Summa Cum Laude* May 2017
University of St. Thomas (MN)
GPA: 3.94 (4.0 in Philosophy & Mathematics)
Study Abroad Program in Rome, Italy: Spring 2017

Areas of Research

Metaphysics, Medieval Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy (Aristotle), Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of Science

Publications

“The Metaphysics of Mathematical Explanation in Science,” *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association*, forthcoming, (to be presented at the 2021 ACPA Meeting in St. Louis, MO). Winner of the Karen Chan Young Scholar’s Award.

Academic Presentations

“The Nature of Mathematical Objects: A Thomistic-Aristotelian Perspective,” The Metaphysical Dimensions of Nature, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross & Notre Dame, Rome, February 2017.

“A Thomistic Foundation for Environmental Ethics: Theocentrism and the Cosmic Good,” American Catholic Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, November 2016.

Grants

All the following through the University of St. Thomas Grants and Research Office:
Collaborative Inquiry Grant (\$1000) Spring 2017
“A Powers Based Account of the Truthmakers for Mathematical Truths”
Mentored by Dr. Timothy Pawl, Professor of Philosophy, UST

Conference Travel Grant (\$1321) November 2016
“A Thomistic Foundation for Environmental Ethics”
American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting

Partnership in Learning Grant (\$1000) Fall 2016
“Leibniz and Mathematical Explanation in Science”
Supervised by Dr. Thomas Feeney, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, UST

Collaborative Inquiry Grant (\$1000) Fall 2016
“Must Science Lie? Investigating the Necessity of Misrepresentation and the Role of
Idealization in Scientific Modeling”
Mentored by Dr. Peter Distelzweig, Associate Professor of Philosophy, UST

Young Scholars Grant (\$4000) Summer 2016
“The Metaphysical Implications of Mathematical Explanation in Science”
Mentored by Dr. Thomas Feeney, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, UST

Partnership in Learning Grant (\$1000) Spring 2016
“Catholic Engagement in Philosophy of Science”
Supervised by Dr. Peter Distelzweig, Associate Professor of Philosophy, UST

Collaborative Inquiry Grant (\$1000) Spring 2015
“Green Thomism: An Environmental Ethic of Thomas Aquinas”
Mentored by Dr. Gloria Frost, Professor of Philosophy, UST

Teaching Experience

Philosophy Tutor, Philosophy Department, UST	Sep, 2014 – Dec, 2016
Learning Community Leader, Mathematics Department, UST	Sep, 2015 – Dec, 2015
Mathematics Tutor, Mathematics Resource Center, UST	Sep, 2014 – May, 2015
Statistics Tutor, Disability Resources, UST	Sep, 2013 – May, 2014

Honors, Awards, & Scholarships

Thomas D. Sullivan Medal	Spring 2017
For excellence in an undergraduate philosophy paper. Titled: “The Metaphysics of Mathematical Explanation in Science”	
Delta Epsilon Sigma, National Undergraduate Scholarship Recipient	Fall 2016
Departmental Scholarship, Mathematics	Sep, 2016 – May, 2017
Departmental Scholarship, Catholic Studies	May, 2015 – May, 2017
University Honors Student (Aquinas Scholars)	Jan, 2014 – May, 2017
Dean’s List	Sep, 2013 – May, 2017
National Merit Semifinalist and Scholarship Recipient	Sep, 2013 – May, 2017

Languages

Latin (intermediate reading), Ancient Greek (intermediate reading)

References

Dr. Gloria Frost, Philosophy Department, University of St. Thomas,
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Dr. Mark Spencer, Philosophy Department, University of St. Thomas,
spen8444@stthomas.edu

Dr. Thomas Feeney, Philosophy Department, University of St. Thomas,
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Dr. Michael Degnan (Tutoring Supervisor), Professor Emeritus, University of St. Thomas,
mjdegan@stthomas.edu