CATHERINE PETERS

Areas of Specialization: Medieval Philosophy (especially Thomas Aquinas and Avicenna); Philosophy of Disability; Philosophical Anthropology; Normative Ethics (especially Virtue Ethics and Natural Law).

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University Appointment

2024–Present	Loyola Marymount University, Associate Professor (*Tenured*).
2019–2024	Loyola Marymount University, Assistant Professor (*Tenure-Track*).

Education

- Ph.D. in Philosophy, The Center for Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas (TX), 2019.
  Dissertation Topic: "The Causality of 'Nature' in Avicenna's *Physics of the Healing*."
  Director: Jon McGinnis, University of Toronto.
  Readers: John Hittinger & Thomas Osborne, The Center for Thomistic Studies.
- M.A. in Philosophy, The Center for Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas (TX), 2014.
- B.A. in Philosophy (*summa cum laude)*, Sacred Heart Major Seminary (Detroit, MI), 2012.

Publications

Articles (Peer-Reviewed)

1. *Forthcoming:* "Disability in the Ignatian Tradition." *Jesuit Higher Education: A Journal.*
2. "Contemporary Nominalism? a Thomistic consideration of 'Sex' and 'Gender'." *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 98 (2024): 139–151.
3. "Thomas Aquinas on Non-Theological Faith." *New Blackfriars* 105 (2024): 478–491.
4. "'Necessary' and 'Possible' as Metaphysical Preambles: a defense of Avicenna against Averroes." *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 96 (2022): 199-217.
5. "Ibn Sīnā on 'Nature' as Matter and Form: an Exposition of *Physics of the Healing* I, 6 & 9." *The Journal of Islamic Philosophy* 13 (2022): 50-82.
6. *"Cura Personalis*: the Incarnational Heart of Jesuit Education." *Jesuit Higher Education: A Journal* 11 (2022): 26-34.
7. "Common by Causality and Common by Predication: Avicenna and Aquinas on a Twofold Division of Principles." *The Thomist* 85 (2021): 295-328.
8. "A Thomistic Defense of 'Nature' in Avicenna's *Physics*." *European Journal for the Study of Thomas Aquinas* 39 (2021): 43-60.
9. "Participation and the Thomistic Definition of Natural Law." *Lex Naturalis* 4 (2019): 73-90.

10. "Hylomorphic Teleology in *Physics* II." *Studia Gilsoniana* 8 (2019): 147-168.

11. "The Objective Relativity of Goodness: a rapprochement between Peter Geach and Thomas Aquinas." *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 92 (2018): 285-300. Winner: ACPA "Young Scholar" Award.

12. "Personal Participation in the Thomistic Account of Natural Law." Originally published in *E-Journal of the Society for Thomistic Personalism* 4 (2015): 31-43; Re-published in *Studia Gilsoniana* 7 (2018): 453–468.

13. "St. Thomas' Proof for the Lord of Lords from the Cause of Causes." *Biblica et Patristica Thoruniensia* 8 (2015): 75-88.

Contributed Chapters (Peer-Reviewed)

14. *Forthcoming:* "A Metaphysics of Sex and Gender." *Catholic Thought and Gender Theory* (Paul Allen & Angela Franks, editors). *Catholic University of America Press* [Solicited].

15. *Forthcoming:* "Avicennian Physics as Aristotelian Science: The Reception of Aristotle's Pos*terior Analytics* in Avicenna's *Physics of the Healing." From Philosophy to Falsafa: A Graeco-Arabic Dialogue* (Josh Hayes, editor). *To be published in English (Bloomsbury Press) and Arabic translation (King Faisal Centre for Research and Islamic Studies Publishing House*). [Solicited]

16. "Aquinas and Disability." *Thomism Revisited* (Gaven Kerr, editor). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2026. [Solicited]

17. "Existential Gratitude in Avicenna's Metaphysics of the Healing." *Philosophical Perspectives on Existential Gratitude: Analytic, Continental, and Religious* (Joshua Lee Harris, Neal DeRoo, Kirk Lougheed, editors). New York: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2023. [Solicited]

18. "*Dianoesis* and *Perinoesis* in the Natural Sciences." *Facts are Stubborn Things: Thomistic Perspectives in the Philosophies of Nature and Science* (Matthew Minerd, editor). Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2020.

National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly (Peer-Reviewed)
Regular invited contributor: "Philosophy and Theology" Section

19. *Forthcoming:* "The Ethics of Ascending: a Catholic Critique of Looksmaxxing." *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 26.3 (2026).

20. "Ableism Reconsidered." *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 26.1 (2026): 177-186.

21. "The Usefulness of Dignity." *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 25.2 (2025): 327-334.

22. "The Significance of 'Normal' in Catholic Bioethics." *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 24.4 (2024): 731-740.

23. "Essential and Functional Definitions of Personhood." *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 24.2 (2024): 371-384.

Invited Essays

1. *Forthcoming:* "Worth Beyond Work: the Person as *Imago Dei." The Better Part Journal: an Intellectual Catholic Women's Journal.*

2. "Justice, Mercy, and the Hope of Repentance." *Teaching the Faith* (Publication of *The Fellowship of Catholic Scholars*). July, 2023.

3. "Aristotle's Chinese Counterpart," review essay of J. D. Rooney's *Material Objects in Confucian and Aristotelian Metaphysics: The Inevitability of Hylomorphism.* Bloomsbury Academic: New York, 2022. *Law & Liberty* (online), October 27, 2022.

Book Reviews

1. Edward Feser. *Aristotle's Revenge: The Metaphysical Foundations of Physical and Biological Science.* Editiones Scholasticae, 2019. *Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Quarterly* 45 (2024): 120-122.
2. Stefan Magnus. *The Divinity of the Word: Thomas Aquinas on Dividing and Reading the Gospel of John*. Peeters: Leuven, 2022. *European Journal for the Study of Thomas Aquinas* 41 (2023): 80-82.
3. Reginald Lynch, OP. *The Cleansing of the Heart: The Sacraments as Instrumental Causes in the Thomistic Tradition*. The Catholic University of America Press: Washington, DC 2017. *European Journal for the Study of Thomas Aquinas* 38 (2020): 52-53.
4. Pasquale Porro (Joseph G. Trabbic & Roger W. Nutt, translators). *Thomas Aquinas: A Historical and Philosophical Profile.* The Catholic University of America Press: Washington, DC 2016. *The Chesterton Review* XLIV (2018).
5. J. Budziszewski. *Commentary on Thomas Aquinas's Treatise on Law*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014. *Homiletic and Pastoral Review Online* August 2016.
6. Robert Spaemann. *Love & The Dignity of Human Life: on Nature and Natural Law.* Grand Rapids, MI/Cambridge, UK: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2012. *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies* XXVI (2014): 212-214.
7. D. Q. McInerny. *An Introduction to Foundational Logic.* Elmhurst Township, PA: The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, 2012. *Fellowship of Catholic Scholars.* Fall Issue (2013): 49-50.
8. Peter Bristow. *Christian Ethics and the Human Person: Truth and Relativism in Contemporary Moral Theology*. Oxford: Family Publications, 2009. *Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Quarterly* (Spring, 2012), 54-55.
9. Donald Fairbairn. *Understanding Language: a Guide for Beginning Students of Greek & Latin.* Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2011. *Homiletic and Pastoral Review Online,* April 2012.
10. Stephen Hawking & Leonard Mlodinow. *The Grand Design.* New York: Bantam Books, 2010. *Auslegung* 2012.

Works in Progress

Monographs & Articles

- *Disability: A Thomistic Introduction*. Monograph in progress developing a systematic account of disability grounded in Thomistic philosophical anthropology. Fully outlined; complete first draft projected for Fall, 2027.
- Article-length study of ADA accommodations as requirements of justice, examining their proper scope, potential misuse, and the corresponding obligations of institutions and the broader public. Approximately 9,700 words; submission to a peer-reviewed journal anticipated Fall, 2026.
- Article-length study of Thomas Aquinas's account of language and its extension to sign language. Approximately 12,000 words; submission to a peer-reviewed journal anticipated Summer, 2027.

Invited Chapters

- "Jewish and Muslim Sources." *The Oxford Handbook of the Summa Theologiae* (Matthew Levering, Therese Cory, Thomas Joseph White, OP, editors). *Volume under contract with Oxford University Press.* [Solicited]
- Contributed Chapter on Bioethics to *Acting to Love: Kevin L. Flannery's Retrieval and Reinvigoration of Catholic Ethics,* Invited Festschrift Chapter (Matthew Levering & Christopher Kaczor, editors). [Solicited]
- Contributed Chapter on MacIntyre and Disability to *The MacIntyrean Mind* (Richard Kim & Micah Lott, editors). Routledge Philosophical Minds Series. [Solicited]

- "Aquinas: Humans as Embodied Rational Souls." *A History of Human Nature: From the Ancient World to Contemporary Debates* (William Simpson & Tom Angier, editors). Proposed volume in development with Cambridge University Press. [Solicited]

Fellowships, Awards, Grants

- Faculty Fellow, *Habitable Worlds: A Disability, Ethics, and AI Think Tank*, Mellon Foundation Initiative. Loyola Marymount University. AY 2026-2027.
- 2026 LMU Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts Summer Writing Grant: "Why Can't We Have Nice Things? Disability, Accommodations, and Justice."
- Faculty Associate, *Nova Forum for Catholic Thought*, University of Southern California. Fall, 2024–Present.
- 2024 LMU Faith & Justice Research Grant: "Disability and *Cura Personalis*."
- 2023-2024 LMU Rains Research Assistant Grant: "A Thomistic Model of Disability."
- 2023 LMU Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts Summer Writing Grant: "Nature, Ability, and Dignity: Towards a Thomistic Model of Disability."
- 2022 LMU Faith & Justice Course Development Grant: researching and developing a course on *The Philosophy of Disability*.
- 2020 LMU Interfaith Forum Course Development Grant: aimed at researching and incorporating the thought of Moses Maimonides into PHIL 3520: *Medieval Philosophy.*
- 2020 LMU Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts Summer Writing Grant: "Avicennian Physics as Aristotelian Science: the *Posterior Analytics* and the *Physics of the Healing.*" Article-length study of the scientific structure of Avicenna's natural philosophy. Research presented: November 6, 2020 (online).
- 2018 American Catholic Philosophical Association "Young Scholar" (best paper submitted by a scholar under the age of 36) for "The Objective Relativity of Goodness."

Invited Talks

Keynote & Plenary Talks

1. *Scheduled:* "What is Reasoning?" Thomistic Institute 16th Annual Aquinas Workshop: "Aquinas on the Intellect and the Intelligible," The Dominican House of Studies (Washington, DC). *To be held:* June 2-6, 2027.
2. *Scheduled:* Annual Aquinas Lecture: "Thinking with Thomas Aquinas About Disability." Saint Vincent Center for Catholic Thought and Culture, Saint Vincent College (Latrobe, PA). *To be held:* January 28, 2027.
3. "Essence, Existence, and God: Potency and Act in Metaphysics." Thomistic Institute 15th Annual Aquinas Workshop: "Aquinas on Act and Potency," The Dominican House of Studies (Washington, DC). May 30, 2026.
4. "The True, the Good, and the Beautiful of Disability." 5th Annual Symposium on *The True, Good, & Beautiful.* Aquinas College (Grand Rapids, MI). February 26, 2026.
5. "From Nature to Norm: how to derive *ought* from *is.*" Thomistic Institute 14th Annual Aquinas Workshop: "Aquinas on Nature and the Natural," Mount Saint Mary College (Newburgh, NY). May 30, 2025.
6. "The Sun as a Universal Cause in the Aristotelian-Thomistic Tradition." Thomistic Institute Conference on Philosophy and Natural Science: "Lumen Mundi: the nature of light and its

effects in nature." The Dominican House of Studies (Washington, DC). July 20, 2024.

7. "The Enduring Relevance of Thomistic Anthropology." Conference in Commemoration of the 750th Anniversary of the Death of Thomas Aquinas. University of Tulsa, sponsored by UT department of Philosophy & Religion and Honors College (Tulsa, OK). March 8, 2024.

Public Lectures

8. *Scheduled:* "The Door to Happiness: Thomas Aquinas on the Cardinal Virtues." University of Alabama at Birmingham (Birmingham, AL). *To be held:* February 3, 2027.

9. *Scheduled:* "Is Faith a Leap? Thomas Aquinas on Faith and Reason." University of North Texas *Thomistic Institute* Chapter (Denton, TX). *To be held:* March 2, 2027.

10. *Scheduled:* "Who Counts as a Person? Disability and Thomistic Personhood." North Dakota State University *Thomistic Institute* Chapter (Fargo, ND). *To be held:* December 3, 2026.

11. "Why Looksmaxxing Won't Make You Happy." University of Michigan *Thomistic Institute* Chapter (Ann Arbor, MI). September 24, 2026.

12. "Words Matter: Thomas Aquinas on the Philosophy of Language." UCLA *Thomistic Institute* Chapter (Los Angeles, CA). April 1, 2026.

Conference Presentations

13. "What Makes a Word a Word? Thomistic Reflections on Sign Language." *Symposium Thomisticum* (Santiago, Chile). October 22, 2026.

14. "Avicennian Physics as Aristotelian Science: The Reception of Aristotle's *Posterior Analytics* in the *Physics of the Healing."* King Faisal Centre for Research and Islamic Studies (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia): "From Philosophy to *Falsafa*: A Graeco-Arabic Dialogue" (online). September 29, 2024.

15. "A Metaphysics of Sex and Gender." Symposium on "Catholic Thought and Gender." Sponsored by Corpus Christi College, University of British Columbia (Washington, DC). May 22, 2023.

16. "Incarnational Education: Reflections on *Cura Personalis."* Panel Discussion on "Catholic Education." Hank Center Working Group in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. American Catholic Philosophical Association Sponsored Satellite Session (St. Louis, MO). November 21, 2021.

17. "The Aristotelian Foundation for the Finality of Form in the Thought of Thomas Aquinas." Invited Graduate Student Presenter at the Thomistic Institute 7th Annual Workshop, "Aquinas on Metaphysics," Mount Saint Mary College (Newburgh, NY). June 29-July 2, 2017.

Guest Lectures & Colloquia

18. "What is the Philosophy of Disability? A Thomistic Answer." The Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium Series. University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX). November 21, 2025.

19. "A Catholic View of Sex and Gender." Catholic Studies Lecture, Loyola University (Chicago, IL). November 14, 2024.

20. "The Human Person is Created to Know: The Intersection of Faith and Reason." Leonine Forum, held at The University of Southern California (Los Angeles, CA). November 13, 2024.

21. "Personhood and Disability." Philosophical Salon Lecture Series. Loras College (Dubuque, Iowa). March 21, 2024 (online).

22. "Ignatian Reflections on the Distinctiveness of Mission." Featured Speaker, Faculty Writing Retreat, sponsored by the Loyola Marymount Center for Mission and Identity (Los Angeles, CA). February 29, 2024.

23. "Disability and Professionalism," Health and Human Science Lecture, California State University, Channel Islands (Camarillo, CA). February 28, 2024.
24. "Personhood and Disability," Bioethics Lecture. California State University, Channel Islands (Camarillo, CA). November 28, 2023.
25. Mentor Presenter at the 2023 *Aquinas and 'the Arabs' International Working Group* Graduate Student Mentorship Symposium. Marquette University (Hybrid). October 19, 2023.
26. "The Human Person is Created to Know: The Intersection of Faith and Reason." Los Angeles Leonine Forum, held at The University of Southern California. October 5, 2022.
27. "How Truthful is the *Proof of the Truthful*? Avicenna and Averroes on the Existence of God." Lyceum Institute Lecture. June 16, 2022 (online).
28. "Avicenna's Argument for God," Medieval Philosophy Lecture, Aquinas College (Grand Rapids, MI; online). November 3, 2020.
29. "Should we take time for Leisure?" University of St. Thomas Honors Program Lecture. University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX). October 18, 2020.
30. "Predication and Causality: Avicenna and Aquinas on the Twofold Division of Common Principles." The Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium Series. University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX). October 2, 2020 (hybrid: online/in-person).
31. "Avicenna's Physics as Aristotelian Science: *Posterior Analytics* and *Physics of the Healing."* The Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium Series. University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX). September 6, 2019.
32. "The Objective Relativity of Goodness." The Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium Series. University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX). November 11, 2016.

Juried Conference Presentations (***Selection***)

1. *Scheduled:* "Thomas Aquinas on Linguistic Expression." Philosophy of Saint Thomas Aquinas Satellite Session, 62nd International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, MI). *To be held:* May 13-15, 2027.
2. "Is Disability a Mere-Difference? Nature, Teleology, and Normativity." Sponsored Satellite Session of the Society for Thomistic Natural Philosophy, American Catholic Philosophical Association (Washington, DC). November 13, 2026.
3. "Contemporary Nominalism? a Thomistic consideration of 'Sex' and 'Gender'." Contributed Paper, American Catholic Philosophical Association (Chicago, IL). November 15, 2024.
4. "A Thomistic Account of Sex and Gender." University of Notre Dame: "Aquinas at 800: *Ad Multos Annos*" (Notre Dame, IN). September 24, 2024.
5. "Thomas Aquinas on Non-Theological Faith." Thomas Aquinas Society Satellite Session, 59th International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, MI). May 9, 2024.
6. "Personhood and Disability." De Nicola Center for Ethics & Culture 23rd Annual Fall Conference: "Dust of the Earth: On Persons." University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, IN). November 4, 2023.
7. "Modern Nominalism, Perennial Realism." The Fellowship of Catholic Scholars 2023 Meeting: *Truth in Public and Private Life* (Washington, DC). September 23, 2023.
8. "Aquinas on Human Nature and Disability." Thomistic Institute Conference: *Aquinas After 750 Years: Still the Common Doctor?* (Washington, DC). September 15, 2023.

9. "The Nature of Disability." *Symposium Thomisticum* (Barcelona, Spain). June 1-2, 2023.
10. "Towards a Thomistic Model of Disability." Philosophy of Saint Thomas Aquinas Satellite Session, 58th International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, MI). May 12, 2023.
11. "'Necessary' and 'Possible' as Metaphysical Preambles: a defense of Avicenna against Averroes." Contributed Paper, American Catholic Philosophical Association (New Orleans, LA). November 18, 2022.
12. "Is There Hope Among The Ruins?" The Fellowship of Catholic Scholars 2022 Meeting: *Love Among the Ruins: Strategies for Thriving Intellectually and Practically in the Current Culture* (Washington, DC). September 24, 2022.
13. "An Avicennian Proposal for Existential Gratitude." Aquinas and 'the Arabs' International Working Group Sponsored Satellite Session, Medieval Philosophy & Theology Conference, University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, IN). May 20, 2022.
14. "Nature is not a Motor: a Reconsideration of 'Power' in the *Physics of the Healing."* Satellite Session of the Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy. American Philosophical Association (Chicago, IL). February 24, 2022.
15. "Powers Models of Nature in the Physics of the Healing: Avicenna and Wallace in Synthesis." Sponsored Satellite Session of the Society for Thomistic Natural Philosophy, American Catholic Philosophical Association (St. Louis, MO). November 19, 2021.
16. Aristotle and Avicenna on Nature as "Matter" and "Form." Summer Aristotle Seminar: "Causes and Causation in Aristotle and the Aristotelian Tradition." Marquette University (online). June 23, 2021.
17. "The Causality of 'Nature' in Avicenna's *Physics of the Healing*." Aquinas and 'the Arabs' International Working Group Annual Conference (online). May 26, 2021.
18. "Avicenna on the Form of Corporeity." Aquinas and 'the Arabs' International Working Group Sponsored Satellite Session, 55th International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University (online). May 12, 2021.
19. "Nature as Matter and Form in Avicenna's *Physics of the Healing."* Aquinas and 'the Arabs' International Working Group Sponsored Satellite Session, American Catholic Philosophical Association (Minneapolis, MN). November 21, 2019.
20. "Matter and Passivity in the Avicennian Definition of Nature." Aquinas and 'the Arabs' International Working Group Sponsored Satellite Session, 54th International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, MI). May 9, 2019.
21. "The Objective Relativity of Goodness: a rapprochement between Peter Geach and Thomas Aquinas." Contributed Paper & Young Scholar Award, American Catholic Philosophical Association. San Diego, CA. November 8-11, 2018.
22. "The Aristotelian Foundation for the Finality of Form in the Thought of Thomas Aquinas." *Symposium Thomisticum* (Athens, Greece). June 7-9, 2018.
23. "Predication and Causality: Avicenna and Aquinas on the Twofold Division of Common Principles." Aquinas and 'the Arabs' International Working Group Sponsored Satellite Session I: *God and Metaphysics*, American Catholic Philosophical Association (Dallas, TX). November 17, 2017.
24. "Participation and the Thomistic Definition of Natural Law." Philosophy of Saint Thomas Aquinas Session (sponsored by Center for Thomistic Studies). 52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, MI). May 11, 2017.

25. "Jacques Maritain on *Dianoesis* and *Perinoesis* in the Natural Sciences." Session on "Neo-Thomism and Contemporary Science." American Maritain Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA). March 2-4, 2017.
26. "The Objective Relativity of Goodness: a rapprochement between Peter Geach and Thomas Aquinas." Philosophy of Saint Thomas Aquinas Session III (sponsored by Center for Thomistic Studies), 51st International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, MI). May 12-15, 2016.
27. "Avicennian Existential Causality." *Vagantes* Graduate Conference on Medieval Studies, sponsored by Rice University (Houston, TX). February 18-20, 2016.
28. "Personal Participation in the Thomistic Account of Natural Law." Sponsored Satellite Session of the *Society for Thomistic Personalism,* American Catholic Philosophical Association (Boston, MA). October 8-11, 2015.
29. "St. Thomas' Proof for the Lord of Lords from the Cause of Causes." International Conference "Towards a Biblical Thomism: the biblical exegesis of Thomas Aquinas and Its Contemporary Relevance." Nicolaus Copernicus University (Toruń, Poland). April 20-22, 2015.
30. "Humor, Lies, and Geach on Truthfulness." Houston Graduate Philosophy Symposium Rice University (Houston, TX). February 26, 2015.
31. "Providence, Finality, and the Existence of God." Aquinas and 'the Arabs' International Working Group Graduate Student Workshop (online). February 20-21, 2015.
32. "Chance and Hylomorphic Teleology in *Physics* II." Sponsored Satellite Session of the *Society for Thomistic Natural Philosophy*, American Catholic Philosophical Association (Washington, DC). October 9-12, 2014.
33. "The Teleology of Matter and Form in Physics II: an examination of 199a30-32 in light of two interpretations of final causality." Graduate Conference on "Causation and Explanation." The Catholic University of America (Washington, DC). February 22, 2014.
34. "The Caused Necessity of Creatures in Avicenna's *Metaphysics of the Healing."* Aquinas and 'the Arabs' International Working Group, Graduate Student Workshop (online). March 21-22, 2013.

Recorded Talks *Recordings linked on catherinepeters.org*

1. *The Thomistic Institute Podcast*: "Why Looksmaxxing Won't Make You Happy." (November, 2026)
2. *The Thomistic Institute Podcast*: "Words Matter: Thomas Aquinas on the Philosophy of Language." (August, 2026)
3. *Aquinas College Catholic Studies Lecture Series:* "The True, Good, and Beautiful of Disability." (February, 2026)
4. *The Thomistic Institute Podcast*: "From Nature to Norm: how to derive *ought* from *is.*" (October, 2025)
5. *The Thomistic Institute Podcast*: "The Sun as a Universal Cause in the Aristotelian-Thomistic Tradition." (September, 2024)
6. *Talking Thomism:* "Avicenna and Aquinas: the Twofold Division of Common Principles." (October, 2020)

Comments (*Invited*)

1. "Averroes' *Tahafut al-Tahafut*, *The Third Discussion*: A Methodological Approach to Truth" by Traci Philipson, contributed paper session, American Catholic Philosophical Association. November 20, 2020. (online)

2. "A Defense of Conscientious Objection in Health Care: A Reply to Recent Objections" by Christopher Kaczor. Interview Discussion for the Academy of Catholic Thought and Imagination at Loyola Marymount University. Video Recorded: October 6, 2020.
3. "Is Philosophy of Nature Irrelevant?" by Daniel D. DeHaan, contributed paper session on "A Perennial Philosophy of Nature," American Catholic Philosophical Association. Minneapolis, MN. November 23, 2019.
4. "The Concept of Immateriality" by Therese Cory, satellite session on "Aquinas on Mind," Society for Christian Philosophers Conference. Grand Rapids, MI. September 15, 2018.

Teaching & Advising

Graduate Courses

- PHIL 6998: *Medieval Science,* Loyola Marymount University. Fall, 2020.
  Graduate seminar on Aristotle's *Posterior Analytics* and *Physics* and its development in Avicenna's *Physics of the Healing* and Thomas Aquinas' *De Principiis naturae*, *Expositio libri Posteriorum Analyticorum*, *In libros Physicorum*, *Super Boethium De Trinitate* and *Summa theologiae*; topics investigated included principles and methods of physics, metaphysics, and theology and the relationships among the sciences.
- PHIL 6001: *Pro-Seminar* (Theme: *Disability*), Loyola Marymount University. Fall, 2024.
  Graduate seminar introducing students to research, scholarly writing, seminar discussion, conference presentation, and publication practices through philosophical questions concerning disability.
- PHIL 5998: *Thomas Aquinas*, Loyola Marymount University. Spring, 2026.
  Advanced primary-text seminar (combined undergraduate and graduate) organized around Aquinas's division of the philosophical disciplines: logic and natural philosophy, moral philosophy, metaphysics, and natural theology. Draws on philosophical and scriptural commentaries, disputed questions, shorter treatises, the *Summa theologiae*, and the *Summa contra gentiles*.

Undergraduate Courses

- PHIL 4720: *Aquinas,* Loyola Marymount University. Cross-Listed: *Catholic Studies*. Core Attribute: "Integrations: Faith & Reason." Fall, 2022.
  Advanced primary-text seminar (undergraduate) organized around Aquinas's division of the philosophical disciplines. Draws upon various works of Aquinas, including commentaries, disputed questions, shorter treatises, and summae.
- PHIL 3998: *The Philosophy of Disability,* Loyola Marymount University. Cross-listed: *Health and Human Sciences*, *Catholic Studies, Bioethics,* and *Disability Studies* Core Attribute: "Integrations: Ethics & Justice." Spring, 2023; Fall, 2023. Summer, 2025.
  Examination of competing definitions and models of disability, philosophical anthropology, personhood, embodiment, dependence, and human flourishing. Places contemporary disability scholarship in conversation with historical accounts of human nature.
- PHIL 3520: *Medieval Philosophy*, Loyola Marymount University. Cross-Listed: Catholic Studies; Jewish Studies. Core Attribute: "Integrations: Faith & Reason." Spring, 2020; Summer, 2020 (directed study); Spring, 2021; Spring, 2022; Spring, 2023; Spring, 2024; Spring, 2025; *Scheduled:* Spring, 2027.
  Required course in the philosophy major's historical sequence. Primary-text study of Augustine, Anselm, Avicenna, Averroes, Maimonides, Aquinas, Scotus, and Ockham, with particular attention to metaphysics, epistemology, natural theology, and the relationship between faith and reason.
- PHIL 3320: *The Philosophy of Nature*, The University of St. Thomas (TX) & St. Mary's Seminary (Houston, TX). Fall, 2025.
  Examination of the principles and methods of Aristotelian natural philosophy, including matter and form, causality and chance, soul, place, time, motion, and the unmoved mover. Concludes by considering modern critiques of nature and causality and the relationship between classical natural philosophy and the scientific revolution.

- PHIL 3137: *The Ethics of Disability*, Loyola Marymount University. Cross-listed: *Catholic Studies*, *Bioethics*, *Disability Studies*. Core Attribute: "Integrations: Ethics & Justice." Spring, 2026. Summer, 2026; Fall, 2026. *Scheduled:* Spring, 2027.

  Examines disability through virtue ethics, natural law, and contemporary approaches to justice. Topics include dignity, inclusion, accommodation, dependency, social responsibility, and the obligations of individuals and institutions.

- PHIL 1800: *Philosophical Inquiry*, Loyola Marymount University. Fall, 2019 (2 sections); Spring, 2020; Fall, 2020; Fall, 2021 (2 sections); Summer, 2022; Fall, 2022; Spring, 2025. Fall, 2026.

  HNRS 1100: *Honors Philosophical Inquiry*, Loyola Marymount University. Spring, 2021.

  Introduction to fundamental questions concerning truth, knowledge, reality, and human nature, drawing upon ancient, medieval, modern, and contemporary texts. Students develop skills in close reading, argument reconstruction, and philosophical discussion.

- PHIL 1311: *Philosophy of the Human Person*, The University of St. Thomas (TX). Fall, 2017.

  Introduction to philosophical anthropology addressing hylomorphism, the powers of the soul, sensation and intellect, appetite and cognition, the passions, freedom, and personal identity. Places Plato, Aristotle, and Aquinas in conversation with Descartes, Hume, and C. S. Lewis.

- FFYS 1000: *First Year Seminar* on *Sense & Synderesis – Virtue Ethics in the Novels of Jane Austen.* Loyola Marymount University. Spring, 2022 (2 sections); Spring, 2023; Fall, 2023; Spring, 2024.

  FFYS 1000: *Honors First Year Seminar.* Fall, 2024.

  Writing-intensive interdisciplinary first-year seminar examining Austen's novels through Aristotelian and Thomistic accounts of the cardinal virtues. Students develop philosophical and literary interpretations through close reading, seminar discussion, writing conferences, revision, and oral defense.

Directed Studies & Thesis Supervision

- *The Philosophy of Disability* (Directed Study, Honors Program). Fall, 2024.

- Undergraduate Honors Thesis, "Persons or Human-Mimicking Robots? Implications of AI for Moral Status," (K. Burckle); Fall, 2024. *Subsequently published in Auslegung* 2025.

Mentorship & Advising

- Philosophy Department Majors Advisor. Fall, 2020–Fall, 2024; Spring, 2026.

- Faculty Mentor, English Teaching Fellow Program for First Year Seminar. LMU Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts. Fall, 2023—Spring, 2024.

- Teaching Fellowship Faculty Mentor. LMU Graduate Philosophy Program. Fall, 2021 (1 section) & Fall, 2023 (2 sections).

- Faculty Advisor, *Phi Sigma Tau.* Fall, 2022–Fall, 2023.

- Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts, General Academic Advisor. Fall, 2020–Spring, 2021.

Administrative Work Experience

- Departmental Administrative Assistant (duties included, but were not limited to, budget oversight, office management, event planning, student worker supervision, faculty travel, reimbursement reporting). Theology Department, University of St. Thomas (TX). August, 2016–August, 2019.

Professional Service

Loyola Marymount University

- Committee of The Board of Trustees: "Catholic Mission and Identity." 2024–2025.

- Disability Support Services Advisory Committee. May, 2022–May, 2025.

- Honors Program Admission Evaluator. Spring, 2024.
- Faculty Mentor, "Forming Teacher-Scholars for Mission" Program. The Center for Mission and Identity. Spring, 2024.
- Member, LMU & LMU Law School "Disability Justice" Working Group. Fall, 2022–Present.
- Cohort Member, "Companions in Mission Program," (year-long program investigating the university's mission and identity), Office of Mission and Ministry. Fall, 2021–Spring, 2022.

LMU, Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts

- Member, Departmental Advisory Group: *Classics and Archaeology.* Fall, 2025.
- Elected Member, Curriculum and Assessment Committee: Graduate Programs Faculty Seat. Fall, 2022–Spring, 2025.
- BCLA Cross-Disciplinary Teaching Grants Evaluator. Fall, 2023–Spring, 2025.
- Member, Modern Language Department Instructor Search Committee (American Sign Language). Fall, 2024.
- Member, Disability Studies Minor Working Group. Summer, 2024. Co-Author, "Disability Studies" Minor. Program approved: November, 2024.
- Member, Space Analysis Workshop & Discussion Group. April 9, 2021 (online).
- Member, Interdisciplinary "Pre-Modern" Research Collective. Spring, 2022–Present.
  - Research Presentation: "Non-Theological Faith in Thomas Aquinas," October 13, 2022.

LMU, BCLA, Department of Philosophy

- Member, Instructor Search Committee. Fall, 2026–Spring, 2027.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Long-Term Instructor Hiring and Integration. Chair, sub-committee: *Hiring Process*. Spring, 2026.
- Departmental Colloquium Coordinator (duties include, but are not limited to, scheduling speakers, publicity graphic designs and circulation, hospitality for average attendance of 30-50 people, and moderating events). Fall, 2022–Present. (More than 50 events organized)
- Departmental Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Representative to BCLA. Fall, 2023–Present.
- Departmental "Cameron Prize" Evaluator: awarded annually for the top undergraduate philosophy paper by a philosophy major or minor. Spring, 2022; Spring, 2026.
- Chair, Tenure-Track Faculty Search Committee. AOS: *Philosophy of Mind*. Fall, 2024.
- Chair, Postdoctoral Fellow Search Committee. AOS: *Open*. Spring, 2024.
- Undergraduate Work-Study Supervisor (including, but not limited to, *Agora* student newsletter and faculty research/editing assistance). Spring, 2023–Fall, 2024.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group (with Marcela García Romero). Fall, 2023.
- Graduate Admissions Committee. Fall, 2022–Fall, 2024.
- 4+1 (BA/MA) Program Exploratory Committee. Fall, 2022–Fall, 2023.
- Co-Organizer & Referee, Loyola Marymount University & Pepperdine University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference. Spring, 2023.
- Hannon Library Departmental Liaison. Spring, 2020–Fall, 2022.

- MA Comprehensive Exam Board Member. Spring, 2022; Spring, 2024; Spring, 2025; Spring, 2026 (chair).
- Organizer, Pre-Tenure Philosophy Faculty Working Group, Fall, 2019–Spring, 2024.
- Presenter, Departmental Colloquium Series:
  - Panel Discussion: "Early-Career Publishing," November 1, 2024
  - "Thomas Aquinas on Non-Theological Faith," February 10, 2023
  - "Avicenna on Gratitude." Panel Discussion: "Gratitude," September 26, 2022.
  - Panel Discussion: "What is Life?" December 18, 2020.
  - "Avicenna's Method in the *Physics of the Healing,*" September 25, 2020 (online).

Academic Publishing

- Book Review Editor, *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*. August, 2026—Present.
- Editorial Board, *European Journal for the Study of Thomas Aquinas.* 2023–Present.
- Conference Proceedings Referee: *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association*, 2026; *Collected Volume of the American Maritain Association*, 2023; *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association*, 2020.
- Graduate Editorial Assistant, *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association,* 2013–2014.
- Peer Reviewer (upon request): *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly; European Journal for the Study of Thomas Aquinas; The Thomist.*

American Catholic Philosophical Association

- Program Committee (tasked with reading and ranking the submissions for inclusion in the annual conference): 2026; 2020.
- Executive Committee (five-person committee, exercised the association's decision-making authority between annual meetings). November 2021–2022.
- Planning Committee (special committee focused on future projects and special initiatives of the ACPA). April, 2020–2022.
- Executive Council (three-year term). November, 2019–2022.
- Conference Technology Assistant (organized, tested, and supervised operation of remote conferencing technology for plenary address). 2016.
- Graduate Assistant (duties included, but were not limited to, planning and on-site running of annual conference, editing annual *Proceedings,* association website updating). August, 2013–January, 2015.

Aquinas and 'the Arabs' International Working Group

- Executive Committee. Spring, 2024–Present.
- Session Organizer
  - Co-organizer of four sponsored sessions at a conference on medieval philosophy and theology. Held at the University of Notre Dame. May, 2022.
  - Co-organizer of panel on "New Readings of Avicenna" for the Aquinas and 'the Arabs' International Working Group Conference. May, 2021 (online).
- Summer Student Conference Committee. August, 2021–Present.
- Communication Coordinator. October, 2014–October, 2021.
- Student Assistant & Local Host: Annual Fall Workshop. The University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX). September 5-6, 2014.

The Fellowship of Catholic Scholars

- Association Secretary. September, 2023–2026.
- Board of Directors (three-year term). 2023–2026.
- Technology Committee. September, 2023; 2024.
- Satellite Session Proposal Evaluator. 2023–2024.

The Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

- Executive Committee (three-year term, re-elected 2025). 2022–Present.
- Session Organizer:
  - Sponsored Satellite Session, held in conjunction with the American Catholic Philosophical Association (Notre Dame, IN). November 1, 2025.
  - Sponsored Satellite Session, 60th International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, MI). May 9, 2025.
  - Sponsored Satellite Session, held in conjunction with the American Catholic Philosophical Association (Chicago, IL). November 16, 2024.
- Chair, Planning Committee. April, 2024–April, 2025.
- Member, Planning Committee. June, 2022–April, 2025.

Philosophers in Jesuit Education

- Executive Committee (three-year term), 2025–Present.
- Executive Committee (three-year term), 2019–2022.

The Society for Thomistic Natural Philosophy

- Executive Board. 2021–Present.

The Society for 21st Century Thomism

- Session Organizer
  - Sponsored Satellite Session on "Themes on Thomistic Feminism." Held in conjunction with the ACPA. New Orleans, LA. November 19, 2022.
  - Satellite Session on "Division in the Platonic, Aristotelian, and Thomistic Traditions." Held in conjunction with the ACPA. San Diego, CA.

Other Academic Service

- Member, Ethics and Public Policy Committee, *National Catholic Partnership on Disability*. March, 2024–Present.
- Governing Board, Aquinas College Catholic Studies Program (Grand Rapids, MI). February, 2025–Present.

Seminars

- Loyola Marymount University, *Habitable Worlds: A Disability, Ethics, and AI Think Tank*, Mellon Foundation (Seminar Speaker: Joel Michael Reynolds, Georgetown University). June 2–4, 2026.
- Corpus Christi College (University of British Columbia) Symposium on "Catholic Thought and Gender," co-sponsored by the McGrath Institute for Church Life (University of Notre Dame). Held at Dominican House of Studies (Washington, DC), May 21-22, 2023.

- Loyola Marymount University, Office of Mission and Ministry, "Companions in Mission" Program. Fall, 2021–Spring, 2022.
- The Catholic and Dominican Institute's 7th Annual Philosophy Workshop, "Aquinas on Metaphysics," sponsored by The Catholic & Dominican Institute of Mount Saint Mary College, The Thomistic Institute (Washington, DC), and Notre Dame Center for Ethics & Culture. Mount Saint Mary College, June 29-July 2, 2017. *Invited graduate presenter.*
- Witherspoon Institute Thomistic Seminar: "Aquinas and the Philosophy of Nature." Princeton, NJ. August 7-13, 2016.
- Summer Seminar of the Lumen Christi Institute for Catholic Thought: "Aquinas' Five Ways and Where they Lead" with Stephen Brock. Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome. June 23-28, 2016.
- *Aestiva Milvuchiae Latinitas* MMXIV with †Reginald Foster (Milwaukee, WI). June-July, 2014.

Professional Memberships

- *American Catholic Philosophical Association*.
- *Aquinas and 'the Arabs' International Working Group.*
- *Philosophers in Jesuit Education*.
- *The Society for Medieval & Renaissance Philosophy*.
- *Society for Thomistic Natural Philosophy*.
- *Society for 21st Century Thomism*; founding member (2016)
- *The Fellowship of Catholic Scholars*; lifetime member (2014)

Languages

- ***Classical:*** Latin (full proficiency), Greek (competence), Arabic (limited reading).
- ***Modern:*** English (native), American Sign Language (fluent), German (reading & speaking), Spanish (reading & speaking), French (reading), Italian (reading).

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