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## Academic Employment

Lecturer in Philosophy, King's College London, 2022–.

Postdoctoral Research Associate, [Studying Medieval Hylomorphism Whole Project](#) (KUL C14/20/007), KU Leuven, Belgium, 2021–2022.

Ruth Norman Halls Research Associate, [The Richard Rufus Project](#), Indiana University, Bloomington IN, 2020–2021.

Postdoctoral Research Associate and Lecturer, University of Virginia, Charlottesville VA, 2019–2020.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Conception Seminary College, Conception MO, 2017–2019.

## Specialty and Competence

AOS Medieval Philosophy, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion.

AOC Ancient Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, Ethics, Logic.

## Education

*PhD* Philosophy, Fordham University, 2017.

Dissertation: “Medieval Problems of Secondary Causation and Divine Concurrence.”

Advisor: Giorgio Pini.

Dissertation Committee: Marilyn McCord Adams / Gloria Frost (external reader, Rutgers / UST), Brian Davies, Christopher Cullen, Dana Miller.

*MA* Medieval Studies, Central European University, 2010 (with distinction).

*BA/MA* Philosophy, Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest, HU), 2009.

*BS/MS* Mathematics, Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest, HU), 2009.

*Diploma* Diploma Programme in Manuscript Studies, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto, 2011–12, advisor: Timothy Noone (CUA).

## Publications

*Articles* “What’s the Matter with Angels? Angelic Materiality and the Possible Intellect in Some Early Fourteenth-Century Franciscans,” *Revista Española de Filosofía Medieval*, forthcoming.

“[Sine qua non Causes and Their Discontents](#),” *Res Philosophica* 99 (2022): 139–167.

“[Perfect Subjects, Shields, and Retractions: Three Models of Impassibility](#),” *Vivarium* 59 (2021): 79–101.

“[Peter of Palude and the Fiery Furnace](#),” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 37 (2020): 121–142.

“[Ockham on Divine Concurrence](#),” *Saint Anselm Journal* 15 (2019): 81–105.

“Peter of Palude on Divine Concurrence: An Edition of His *In Sent.* II, d.1, q.4,” *Recherches de Théologie et Philosophie Médiévales* 83 (2016): 49–92.

“Forma és individualitás Arisztotelész ontológiájában” [“Form and Individuality in Aristotle’s Ontology.”] *Elpis* 2009/1.

“Hogyan szabaduljunk meg a repülő képecskéktől: Descartes *Dioptrique*-ja es a középkori ismeretelmélet” [“How to Get Rid of the Little Flying Images: Descartes’ *Optics* and Medieval Theories of Vision”], *Világosság* 2008.

**Book chapters** “‘They Tend into Nothing by Their Own Nature’: Rufus and an Anonymous *De Generatione* Commentary on the Principles of Corruptibility,” In *Early Thirteenth-Century English Franciscan Thought*, ed. Lydia Schumacher (De Gruyter, 2021), 199–220.

(with Rega Wood) “Nec idem nec aliud: The Powers of the Soul and the Origins of the Formal Distinction,” In *Early Thirteenth-Century English Franciscan Thought*, ed. Lydia Schumacher (De Gruyter, 2021), 171–198.

“Descartes’s *Optics* and Medieval Theories of Vision: What Makes an Explanation Causal?” In *Perspective in Early Modern Philosophy*, ed. Tamás Pavlovits and Dániel Schmal. Budapest: Gondolat Kiadó, 2015, 51–65.

“Scientific Method in John Buridan,” *Annual of Medieval Studies at CEU* 17, ed. Alice Choyke and Daniel Ziemann. Budapest: CEU Press, 2011, 23–40.

“Aquinas and Buridan on the Possibility of Scientific Knowledge,” In *Thomas Aquinas and Thomism Today*, ed. Bulcsú K. Hoppál. Budapest: L’Harmattan, 2010, 163–174.

**Book reviews** “Recent Work on Aquinas’s Metaphysics” (Gloria Frost, *Aquinas on Efficient Causation and Causal Powers*, Cambridge University Press, 2022; Can Laurens Löwe, *Thomas Aquinas on the Metaphysics of the Human Act*, Cambridge University Press, 2021; Thomas M. Osborne, *Thomas Aquinas on Virtue*, Cambridge University Press, 2022), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, forthcoming.

Christina Van Dyke, *Hidden Wisdom: Medieval Contemplatives on Self-Knowledge, Reason, Love, Persons, and Immortality*, Oxford University Press, 2022, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 07.02.2023.

Tobias Hoffmann, *Free Will and the Rebel Angels in Medieval Philosophy*, Cambridge University Press, 2020, *Faith and Philosophy* 39 (2022): 176–179.

Gábor Borbély and Dániel Schmal, ed., *Középkori filozófia szöveggyűjtemény* [An Anthology of Medieval Philosophy], L’Harmattan Budapest, 2019, *Elpisz Kritérium* (2022): 153–160.

Pere Daguí, *Tractatus formalitatum brevis; Tractatus de differentia*, ed. Claus A Andersen et al., Santa Coloma de Queralt: Obrador Edèndum, UAB, Institut d’Estudis Catalans, Publications URV, 2018, *The Medieval Review* 2020.

Mark B. Wiebe, *On Evil, Providence, and Freedom: A New Reading of Molina*, Northern Illinois University Press, 2017, *Journal of Analytic Theology* 6 (2018): 799–805.

*Aristotle in Aquinas’s Theology*, ed. Gilles Emery and Matthew Levering, OUP 2015, *Themelios* 41 (2016): 545–547.

“Borbély Gábor és a középkori filozófia” [Gábor Borbély, *Medieval Philosophy*], *Magyar Filozófiai Szemle* [Hungarian Philosophical Review] 54 (2010): 157–160.

**Translations** Descartes, *Dioptrique* (with Dániel Schmal, Tamás Pavlovits, and Bálint Kékedi). Budapest: Gondolat, 2016 (Translation from French to Hungarian).

**Others** Interview with Colleen McCluskey (with Sokratis-Athanasios Kiosoglou), *Leuven Philosophy Newsletter* 29 (2021–22): 41–45.

**In progress** Peter Auriol on angelic and celestial matter (under review)

Durand of St.-Pourçain on whether God can recreate numerically the same individual (in progress, with Adam Wood).  
Aufredo Gonteri Brito on divine concurrence (in progress).  
Franciscans on Creation and Conservation (chapter, in progress)  
Walter Burley, *De formis*, translation in progress (with Russell Friedman et al.).  
John Buridan, *In Ethicorum*, translation in progress (with Peter Hartman et al.).

## Selected Presentations

“Divine Concurrence with Sinful Volitions in Aufredo Gonteri Brito”  
*UK Medieval Philosophy Network*, London, 2023.  
*Primary and Secondary Causality*, Vienna, 2023.

“Celestial Stuff: Peter Auriol on the Matter of Angels and Celestial Bodies”  
Invited Lecture, University of Würzburg, 2022.

“How Many Matters? The Problem of Celestial Matter in Some Early 14th-Century Thinkers”  
*The XVth International Congress of the SIEPM*, 2022.

“Angelic Mental Acts and Universal Hylomorphism in Some Early 14th-Century Franciscans”  
*Powers of the Soul in the Franciscan Tradition*, KCL, 2022.

Matterless Celestial Bodies in Durand of St.-Pourçain, John of Jandun, and Peter Auriol  
Invited Lecture, Gothenburg, SE, 2022.  
*APA Central, SMRP Satellite Session*, Chicago, 2022.  
*Materia, Qi, and their Epistemes*, KU-Leuven–UST Beijing, 2021.

Causal Powers and Teleology  
*Causal Powers in Late Medieval Philosophy*, Stockholm, 2022.  
*Teloi research group*, Central European University, 2021.

“Durand of St.-Pourçain on Gappy Existence,” with Adam Wood  
*SMRP Inaugural Conference*, Notre Dame, IN, 2021.

Roundtable discussion on Tobias Hoffmann, *Free Will and the Rebel Angels in Medieval Philosophy*, Inaugural Conference of the SMRP, Notre Dame, IN, 2021.

“Albert and Aquinas on Virtual Containment”  
*APA Central, SMRP Satellite Session*, Chicago, 2020.

Durand of St.-Pourçain and Peter of Palude on the Problem of Impassibility  
*Theories of Causal Powers in the 13th–14th Century*, KUL, 2018.  
*Morris Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, Boulder, CO, 2018.  
*Annual meeting of the ACPA*, Dallas, TX, 2017.

Scotus, Ockham, and Biel on *sine qua non* Causes  
*Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies*, SLU, 2019.  
*Medieval Natural Philosophy*, University of St. Thomas, MN, 2016.

“Ockham on Divine Concurrence”  
*Annual meeting of the ACPA*, San Diego, CA, 2018.

Aquinas on Causes, Effects, and Their Necessary Connection  
*CLPS–DWMC Symposium*, KU Leuven, 2018.  
*Aquinas and Analytic Philosophy*, Trinity College Dublin, 2017.  
*34th annual joint meeting of the SAGP*, Fordham University, NY, 2016.

Nebuchadnezzar's Fire and Causal Powers

*Special Divine Action*, AAR Symposium, San Antonio, 2016.

*Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers*, Calgary, 2016.

*Change and Its Challenges*, Fordham University, NY, 2015.

Aquinas, Giles of Rome, Durand of St.-Pourçain, and Peter of Palude on Divine Concurrence

*International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Kalamazoo, 2016.

*The University of Toronto Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, 2015.

*33rd annual joint meeting of the SAGP*, Fordham University, NY, 2015.

*13th- and 14-century Thought on Change*, KU Leuven, 2015.

"Thought Experiments in John Buridan's *Treatise on the Void*"

*Medieval Thought Experiments 1100–1450*, New College, Oxford, 2015.

"Mere Conservationism and Its Metaphysical Commitments"

*Divine Action in the World*, AT Project, Innsbruck, 2014.

Descartes' *Optics* and Medieval Theories of Vision

*Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, Albuquerque, 2014.

*Scientiae*, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, 2012.

"Scotus on Modality and the Argument for God's Existence"

*31st annual meeting of the SAGP*, Fordham University, 2013.

"Are Horse-legs Horses? Buridan on Material Constitution"

*Graduate Symposium*, Fordham University, NY, 2011.

"Aquinas and Buridan on the Possibility of Scientific Knowledge"

Conference of the Hungarian Thomas Aquinas Society, 2009.

*Pedagogy* "Life in Academia," Common Seminar Roundtable, KU Leuven, 2021.

"Reflection Exercises in a Philosophy Class," invited paper, Conference on Jesuit Pedagogy, Fordham University, 2014.

"Challenges in Teaching Philosophy," invited panel participant, Fordham University, 2013.

*Outreach* "The Metaphysics of Stars in Medieval Philosophy." Talk at Eton College, 2023.

"Experiments in Medieval Science and Alchemy." Public lecture, Hungarian Consulate, NYC, 2016.

## Teaching and Pedagogical Activity

*Teaching* [Aristotle](#) (UVA 2019F).

[Ancient Philosophy](#) (CSC 2017F, 2018F).

[Medieval Philosophy](#) (CSC 2018S, 2019S; UVA 2020S; IU with Rega Wood, 2020F; KCL 2022F).

[17th-Century Philosophy](#) (UVA 2019F).

[Philosophical Ethics](#) (Fordham 2015S, 2015F, 2016S, 2016F; CSC 2017F, 2018F).

[Metaphysics](#) (CSC 2018S, 2019S; KU Leuven 2022S).

[Philosophy of Religion](#) (KCL 2023S).

Philosophy of Human Nature (Fordham 2012F, 2013F, 2013F, 2014S).

[The Contemplative Life in Aristotle, Aquinas, and Josef Pieper](#) (CSC independent study, 2018F).

Ancient Greek (CSC tutorial, 2018F).

[Euclidean Geometry](#) (CSC 2019S).

*Advising* MA and PhD dissertation advising (KCL)  
MPhil advising (KCL)  
Personal tutoring (CSC, KCL)

*Others* Jesuit Pedagogy Seminar, participant, Fordham University, 2014.  
*Eloquentia Perfecta* certification, Fordham University, 2012 (certification to teach speaking- and writing-intensive courses).

## Awards, Grants, Fellowships

KU Leuven Internal Grant KUL C14/20/007 (PI: Russell Friedman), KU Leuven, 2021–2022.

Ruth Norman Halls Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Indiana University Bloomington, 2020–2021.

American Philosophical Association Small Grant award, to organize a conference focusing on emerging women scholars working in Medieval Philosophy (Website: <https://medphilworkshop.wordpress.com>); 2016. \$3,000.

Tomasic Research Fellowship, Fordham University (competitive research fellowship for Medievalists at Fordham, 2014–15. \$24,500).

Hungarian Scientific Research Fund, “Theories of Perspective and Cognition in Early Modern Philosophy,” participating member (project leader: Dániel Schmal) (competitive Hungarian national grant in the sciences and humanities, 2010–15. \$10,000 for the whole project).

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Fellowship, Fordham University (competitive grant within Fordham, 2012. \$4,000).

Mellon Summer Fellowship (competitive international grant, 2011–12. \$11,000 total).

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, Central European University, Soros Foundation (awarded for the student with the best GPA; 2010. Ca. \$250).

Erasmus Grant, University of Tübingen, Tempus Public Foundation (competitive European grant to support study abroad), 2005–2006.

## Other Professional Activities

*Events* Coordinator, [King’s History of Philosophy Seminar Series \(KHOPS\)](#), 2022–.  
Proponent of SIEPM panel, “Hylomorphism: Matters of Matter” (SIEPM, Paris, 2022).  
Co-Organizer, [Late Medieval Hylomorphism Conference](#), KU Leuven, 2022.  
Co-Organizer, [KU Leuven Colloquia in Medieval Philosophy](#), 2021–2022.  
Co-Organizer, [Knowability and the Limits of Knowledge seminar](#), KU Leuven, 2021.  
Co-Organizer, [Women On Medieval Philosophy Conference](#), KU Leuven, 2021.  
Organizer, [Virtual Latin Paleography Group](#), 2020–.  
APA Central panels, “How to Teach the History of Philosophy,” and “Sine qua non Causation in Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy,” Chicago, 2020.  
Organizer, Latin reading group, Conception Seminary College, 2018–19.  
Co-Organizer, [Workshop in Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy](#), Fordham, 2017.  
Organizer, Dissertation Colloquium, Fordham University, 2015–17.

Organizer, [Workshops in Philosophy of Religion](#) (speakers: Marilyn McCord Adams, John Pittard, Samuel Lebens, Eleonore Stump, John E Hare), 2015–16.

*Committees* British Society for the History of Philosophy Management Committee, 2023–.  
SMRP Executive Committee and Programme board, 2023–.  
*Auctores Britannici Medii Aevi* Editorial Committee, 2022–.  
London Palaeography Teachers' Group, 2023–.  
SCP Central and Eastern European Committee, 2021–2024.  
APA Central Program Committee, 2020.

*Service* Alumni and External Relations lead, KCL, 2022–.  
History of Philosophy Research Cluster lead, KCL, 2022–.  
ECR representative, KCL, 2022–.  
AHRC committee, KCL, 2022–.  
Curriculum Review Committee, Conception Seminary College, 2017–19.  
Chapter Advisor, Phi Sigma Tau National Honor Society in Philosophy, 2017–19.  
Faculty Meetings Graduate Student Representative, Fordham University, 2014–15, 2016–17.  
Departmental Climate Committee, Fordham University, 2014–16.  
Vice President, Fordham Philosophical Society, 2013–14.

*Referee* Swiss National Science Foundation.  
American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly, Annals of Philosophy, British Journal for the History of Philosophy, History of Philosophy Quarterly, Irish Theological Quarterly, Magyar Filozófiai Szemle [Hungarian Journal of Philosophy].

*Seminars attended* Church Fathers, Doctors, Popes, and Sacred Art and Music. Fides et Ratio Seminar, Merrimack, NH, 2019. Funded by the Faith and Reason Institute.  
Christian Learning, Christian Education, Christian Living. Fides et Ratio Seminar, Lincoln, NE, 2018. Funded by the Faith and Reason Institute.  
Divine Action in the World. Analytic Theology Project (Templeton), Innsbruck, Austria, 2014 (competitive summer seminar funded by the Templeton Foundation).  
Diploma Programme in Manuscript Studies. The Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, American Academy, Rome; PIMS, Toronto, 2011–12 (competitive summer seminar funded by the Mellon Foundation).  
Aquinas and Peter Geach. The Witherspoon Institute, Princeton University, 2011 (competitive summer seminar funded by the Witherspoon Institute).  
Religion and Politics: The Presence of Sacred and Secular Traditions in Europe and the Middle East. Central European University, Budapest, 2008 (competitive summer seminar funded by the Soros Foundation).

*Others* Intern, Rare Books and Manuscript Library, Columbia University, with Consuelo Dutschke, 2016.  
Graduate Assistant Editor for *Traditio: Studies in Ancient and Medieval Thought, History, and Religion* (editor: Joseph Lienhard), 2013–14.  
Graduate Research Assistant, Fordham University, with Brian Davies, 2010–12.

*Memberships* Société Internationale pour l'Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale  
American Catholic Philosophical Association  
Society of Christian Philosophers

Society of Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy  
British Society for the History of Philosophy

## References

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