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Curriculum Vitae

Pontifical University of St. Thomas
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Employment

Professore Aggregato

May 2022 – Present
Pontifical University of St. Thomas (Angelicum)
Rome, Italy

Coordinator for the Project on Philosophy and the Thomistic Tradition (Angelicum Thomistic Institute)

May 2022 – Present
Pontifical University of St. Thomas (Angelicum)
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Professore Incaricato

October 2022 – May 2022
Pontifical University of St. Thomas (Angelicum)
Rome, Italy

Visiting Instructor of Philosophy

August 2015 – July, 2017
Providence College
Providence, Rhode Island

Assistant Chaplain

January, 2016 – July, 2017
Providence College
Providence, Rhode Island

Education

Philosophical Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, The University of Notre Dame, June 2022. Dissertation: “Thomas Aquinas and the Demonstrative Character of Metaphysics.” Director: Thérèse Cory

Ph.L. in Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, May 2015. Thesis: "Dominic of Flanders, O.P. (d. 1479) on the Nature of the Science of Metaphysics." Director: Timothy Noone

B.A. in Philosophy and Religious Studies (*summa cum laude*), Dickinson College, 2007

Theological Education

M. Div. (*summa cum laude*), The Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, 2015.

S.T.B. (*summa cum laude*), The Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, 2014.

Research Interests

Areas of Specialization

Thomism
Metaphysics
History of Metaphysics
Metametaphysics
Scholasticism
Philosophical Methodology

Areas of Competence

Ethics
Ancient (Western) Philosophy
Classical Indian Philosophy

Publications

Scholarly Articles

"Aquinas's Counterpossibles." In *The History of Contradictory Theology*. [Forthcoming].

"The Separated Soul and the Human Person." *Nova et Vetera* [Eng.]. [Forthcoming].

"On the Role of *esse* in Thomistic Metaphysics: Joseph Owens vs. Lawrence Dewan," *Proceedings of the 11th International Thomistic Congress*. [Forthcoming].

"*Omne ens est creatum: A propter quid* Metaphysical Demonstration?" In *Summa metaphysicae ad mentem sancti Thomae: Essays in Honor of Msgr. John F. Wippel*. Edited by Thérèse Cory and Greg Doolan. [forthcoming].

"Losing the Forest for the Tree: Why All Thomists Should (Not) Be River Forest Thomists." *Religions* 15, 569 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel15050569>

"Contradictory Christology: a conciliar concern." *Asian Journal of Philosophy* 2, 14 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s44204-023-00069-z>

"Separate Substances and the Principles of Being as Being: Aquinas's (+1274) Aporia and Flandrensis's (+1479) Answer." *Documenti e studi sulla tradizione filosofica medievale* XXXI (2020): 383-416.

"Supertranscendentality and Metaphysics: An Aporia in the Thought of John Duns Scotus." *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 90.3 (2016): 539-561.

"Cajetan's Economic Treatises: A Critique of Rothbard's Proto-Austrian Portrayal." *Journal of Markets & Morality* 18.2 (2015): 349-371.

"The End of Ethics: A Thomistic Investigation." *New Blackfriars* 95 (2014): 285-294.

"Faith, Theology, Universities: From Specialization to Specification in Theology." *New Blackfriars* 92 (2011): 691-704.

Book Reviews

Review of *Metaphysics between Experience and Transcendence: Thomas Aquinas on Metaphysics as a Science*, by Rudi A. te Velde. Münster: Aschendorff Verlag, 2021. *The Review of Metaphysics* 76 (2022): 162-164.

Review of *Embracing Wisdom: The Summa theologiae as Spiritual Pedagogy*, by Gilles Mongeau. Toronto: Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, 2015. *Speculum* 93/4 (October, 2018): 1237-1239.

"Mining the Medievals." Review of *Medieval Philosophy as Transcendental Thought: From Philip the Chancellor (ca. 1225) to Francisco Suarez*, by Jan Aertsen. Boston: Brill Academic Publishers, 2010. *Dominicana* 56:1 (2013): 95-102.

Review of *Dynamic Transcendentals* by Alice Ramos. *First Things* 225 (August/September 2012): 66.

Review of the *Long Commentary on the De Anima of Aristotle*, by Averroes (Ibn Rushd) of Cordoba. Translated with an introduction and notes by Richard C. Taylor, with Thérèse-Anne Druart, sub-editor. Yale Library of Medieval Philosophy. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2009. *Medievalia et Humanistica* 37 (2011): 121-123.

Academic Presentations

- “La bontà di Dio e la bontà delle creature,” Il Joint Diploma ‘Il pensiero di san Tommaso d’Aquino *Doctor Humanitatis*’, Rome, March 19th, 2024.
- “Comments on Pierre Januard’s ‘The Economic Thought of Thomas Aquinas: from Theological Issues and a Philosophical Framework to an Economic Understanding,’” Thomism and Economics, Rome, March 11th, 2024.
- “For the Greater Good: Aquinas on Social Justice,” Limerick Thomistic Institute, February 9th, 2024.
- “Thomas Aquinas and the Many Goodnesses of Creatures,” Aquinas Lecture, Blackfriars Hall Cambridge, January 29th, 2024.
- “Thomas Aquinas and the Contemporary Debate about Counterpossibles,” Graduate Colloquium for the Center for Thomistic Studies at the University of St. Thomas (Houston), November 20th, 2023.
- “Ambiguous Immateriality,” Project for Conceptual Clarity on the Human Person Satellite Session at the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, Texas, November 18th, 2023.
- “Comments on Mark K. Spencer’s *The Irreducibility of the Human Person*,” Society for Christian Philosophy’s Author-Meets-Critics Satellite Session at the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, Texas, November 17th, 2023.
- “Graduate Seminar on the Argument for the Real Distinction between Essence and Existence in Chapter 4 of Aquinas’s *De ente et essentia*,” Blackfriars Hall, Oxford, Thomistic Institute, November 7th, 2023.
- “Logic and Truth in God, Nature, and the Artificial,” Blackfriars Hall, Oxford, Thomistic Institute, November 6th, 2023.
- “Matthias Aquarius’s Supertranscendental Critique of the Univocity of Being,” Conference on Univocity and Analogy in the Long Thomist and Scotist Traditions, Rome, Italy, October 26th-28th, 2023.
- “Graduate Seminar on Scholasticism and Phenomenology in Edith Stein’s *Finite and Eternal Being*,” University of Edinburgh, Thomistic Institute, October 14th, 2023.

- "The Measure of All Things: Aquinas on Truth in Nature, Thought, and Art," University of Edinburgh, Thomistic Institute, October 13th, 2023.
- "Being and the Transcendentals," Eternal Beauty: Principles and Disputations (Institute for Human Ecology Rome Seminar), Rome, June 20th-26th, 2023.
- "Beauty and Being," Eternal Beauty: Principles and Disputations (Institute for Human Ecology Rome Seminar), Rome, June 20th-26th, 2023.
- "Divine Truth: A Thomistic Approach," The Divine Attributes: Thomistic and Analytic Approaches, Rome, May 12th, 2023.
- "Divine Aseity: A Thomistic Approach," The Divine Attributes: Thomistic and Analytic Approaches, Rome, May 8th, 2023.
- "Comments on Katja Krause's '*Scientia as Philosophia*,'" Research Colloquium for the Max Planck Research Group on *Experience in the Premodern Sciences of Soul & Body, ca. 800-1650*, Berlin, March 17th, 2023.
- "Why Do Some Thomists Scoff at Analytic Philosophy?" Conference on Thomism and Analytic Philosophy: The Promises and Perils of Dialogue, Rome, March 13th-14th, 2023.
- "Aquinas's Counterpossibles," Angelicum Philosophy Faculty Day of Study, Rome, December 10th, 2022.
- "The Separated Soul and the Human Person," Conference on Eschatology and the Human Person, Rome, December 2nd-3rd, 2022.
- "Creation, Freedom, and Tolkien's *Silmarillion*," Universitat Abat Oliba Thomistic Institute, Barcelona, November 14th, 2022.
- "Aquinas vs. Albert on Metaphysics as a Science," Conference on Philosophical Perspectives on Medieval Theories of Science, Berlin, September 27-29, 2022.
- "On the Role of *esse* in Thomistic Metaphysics: Joseph Owens vs. Lawrence Dewan," 11th International Thomistic Congress, Rome, September 19th-24th, 2022.
- "Thomas Aquinas on *esse* and *ens*: A Radical Revision," 15th Société Internationale pour l'Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale (SIEPM) Congress, Paris, August 22nd-26th, 2022.

- “An Immaterial Ambiguity? On the Importance of Distinguishing between Hylomorphic and Dualistic Immateriality in Arguing for the Immateriality of the Human Soul,” Oxford Workshop on Embodied Transcendence, July 11-14, 2022.
- “Metaphysics and Philosophical Theology,” Angelicum Thomistic Institute Student Summer Seminar: Aquinas, Philosophy, and Contemporary Science, July 3-6, 2022.
- “Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Nature,” Angelicum Thomistic Institute Student Summer Seminar: Aquinas, Philosophy, and Contemporary Science, July 3-6, 2022.
- “Losing the Forest for the Trees: Why All Thomists Should (Not) Be River Forest Thomists,” Symposium Thomisticum, June 4-6, 2022.
- “What the *Haec*? Two Renaissance Thomists on Haecceity,” Society for Medieval and Renaissance Thomism Satellite Session at the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, November 18-21, 2021.
- “Is Aquinas’s Metaphysics Really a Science?” Medieval Metaphysics Satellite Session at the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, November 18-21, 2021.
- “What the Haec? Renaissance Thomist Critiques of the Scotist Doctrine of Haecceity,” Second Scholasticism, Analytical Metaphysics, and Christian Apologetics, October 27-29, 2021.
- “What is the Philosophy of Nature?” Idealization and Modelling in Science and the Aristotelian Tradition, Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, October 19-20, 2021.
- “Not So Great: Albert on Demonstration in Metaphysics,” Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy Annual Conference, October 3-6, 2021.
- “Comments on Gaston LeNotre’s ‘Why Is It That Goodness is Good but Whiteness is Not White? Thomas Aquinas, Philip the Chancellor, and their Neoplatonic Sources on Reflex Predication,’” American Catholic Philosophical Association, November 20-21, 2020.
- “Demonstration, Participation, and the Real Distinction: The Surprising Implications of *Summa theologiae* I.44.1, ad 1,” International Web Conference: Essence and Existence in the 13th and 14th Centuries, September 11th-13th, 2020.

- “Aquinas on the Genus of Intellectual Virtue,” Virtual Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, organized by Robert Pasnau (UC Boulder), sponsored by the Paris Institute of Advanced Studies, July 2nd, 2020.
- “Comments on Boaz Faraday Schuman’s ‘What are Modal Propositions About? A Medieval Alternative to Possible-Worlds Semantics,’” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, January 8-11, 2020.
- “Edith Stein, Martin Heidegger, and the Phenomenology of Finitude,” Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, November 21st – 24th, 2019.
- “Separate Substances and the Principles of Being: Aquinas’s Aporia and Flandrensis’s Answer,” American Catholic Philosophical Association, November 21st – 24th, 2019.
- “Albert the Great and the Latin Averroes on the Demonstrative Structure of Metaphysics,” ND-KU Leuven International Collaborative Workshop in Ancient, Medieval, and Renaissance Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, September 20-21, 2019.
- “Polytheism and the Five Ways,” International Medieval Congress, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 9-12, 2019.
- “Aquinas and the Incorruptibility Argument,” Midwestern Medieval Philosophy Colloquium, University of Notre Dame, April 5-6, 2019.
- “What are we Trying to Prove? Aquinas and the Beginning of Philosophical Theology,” Abrahamic Reflections on Science, Philosophy, and Religion, Bahcesahir University, Istanbul, Turkey, March 11-14, 2019.
- “Comments on Gaston LeNotre’s ‘Francisco Suarez on the ‘Singular Connection’ between Dialectic and Metaphysics,’” American Catholic Philosophical Association, November 8-11, 2018.
- “Francisco Suárez, the Principles of Being, and the *Ratio Entis*,” Being Equivocal, Being Univocal: Scotus and Suárez, London, July 13th, 2018.
- “Dominic of Flanders, Celestial Movers, and the Principles of Being,” Annual Conference on Aristotle and Aristotelianism, Marquette University, Milwaukee, June 25th, 2018.
- “The Puzzling Science of Metaphysics: Aristotle, Aquinas, and Flandrensis,” Symposium Thomisticum, The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Athens, June 9th, 2018.

“Thomas Aquinas, His Predecessors, and the Properties of Being *qua* Being,” Aquinas on Being (International Congress on Medieval Studies Satellite Session, sponsored by the Center for Thomist Studies), Kalamazoo, May 10th, 2018.

“Francisco Suárez on Metaphysical First Principles,” The Morris Colloquium on Medieval Philosophy, The University of Colorado, Boulder, April 7th, 2018.

“Thomas Aquinas, His Predecessors, and the Properties of Being *qua* Being,” Aquinas and the Arabs International Annual Fall Meeting, The University of Notre Dame, South Bend, August 25th, 2017.

“A Plethora of Aporias: A Response to Dr. Brian Carl’s ‘The Formal Constituent (or Metaphysical Essence) of God in 17th Century Thomism,’” Society for Medieval and Renaissance Thomism (American Catholic Philosophical Association Satellite Session), San Francisco, November 4th, 2016.

“What is Metaphysics All About? A 15th Century Answer to a Perennial Question,” Invited Lecture, Dickinson College, Carlisle, March 23rd, 2016.

“Lawrence Dewan, Metaphysical Procedure, and the Role of *Esse*,” The Philosophy of Lawrence Dewan: Metaphysics and Ethics, Dominican University College, Ottawa, November 7th, 2015.

“Dominic of Flanders on the Many Subjects of Metaphysics,” Society for Medieval and Renaissance Thomism (American Catholic Philosophical Association Satellite Session), Boston, October 9th, 2015.

Academic Conferences and Colloquia

Conference Organizer, “Univocity and Analogy in the Long Thomist and Scotist Traditions,” Angelicum Thomistic Institute, Rome, Italy, October 26th-28th, 2023.

Workshop Organizer, “The Divine Attributes: Thomistic and Analytic Approaches,” Angelicum Thomistic Institute, Rome, Italy, May 8th-12th, 2023. Co-sponsored with the Rutgers Center for Philosophy of Religion.

Conference Organizer, “Thomism and Analytic Philosophy: The Promises and Perils of Dialogue,” Angelicum Thomistic Institute, Rome, Italy, March 14th-15th, 2023.

Colloquia Organizer, “Virtual Medieval Philosophy Dissertation Workshops,” *Zoom*, April 4th-July 2nd, 2020.

Conference Chair, "Theories of Cognition in the Aristotelian Tradition," University of Notre Dame London Global Gateway, London, UK, October 4th-5th, 2019.

Conference Chair, "Happiness and Ethics in the Aristotelian Tradition," Providence College, Providence, RI, October 19th – 20th, 2018.

Conference Chair, "Dialectic and Analytics in the Aristotelian Tradition," Providence College, Providence, RI, October 13th – 14th, 2017.

Conference Chair, "Metaphysics in the Tradition of Aristotle," Providence College, Providence, RI, September 23rd – 24th, 2016.

Courses Taught

FE 2016: History of Medieval Philosophy (Angelicum, Spring 2022)

FE 1017: Ethics 2 (Angelicum, Spring 2023)

FS 3577: Aquinas's Commentary on Aristotle's *Metaphysics* (Angelicum, Fall 2022)

FE 1017: Ethics 1 (Angelicum, Fall 2022)

PHIL 20805: Thought of Aquinas (Notre Dame, Fall 2021)

DWC 102: Development of Western Civilization (Providence College, Spring 2016)

PHL 202: General Ethics (Providence College, Fall 2015; Fall, 2016)

PHL 103: Introduction to Philosophy (Providence College, Fall 2015; Spring 2015)

Retreats and Spiritual Conferences

"The Riches of Prayer," Retreat at Villagio Betania, Bracciano, Italy, December 6th-13th, 2022.

"Images of the Cross," Retreat for the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Mishawaka, IN, July 25th-31st, 2021.

"The Trinity & Priestly Life: Praying, Preaching, & Ministering in Light of the Mystery of God," Thomistic Institute Retreat for Priests, Enders Island, Mystic, CT, June 22nd-25th, 2021.

"Christ, the Ideal of the Preacher," Simple Vows Retreat for the Novices of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph, Cincinnati, OH, July 25th-31st, 2020.

"Standing with Mary at the Foot of the Cross," St. Anthony de Padua Parish Day Retreat, Mishawaka, IN, April 13th, 2019.

"For Freedom Christ has Set us Free," Jesu Caritas Retreat, Nashville, TN, October 5th – 7th, 2018.

“Virtues or Values?” Young Families Group, Our Lady of Mercy Parish, East Greenwich, RI, May 11th, 2017.

“Two Lies and the Truth: Following the Example of the Saints,” New Haven Frassati Fellowship Theology on Tap, Branford, CT, July 17, 2016

“The Life and Faith of St. Thomas More as a Model for Catholics Today,” St. Thomas More Society of Rhode Island, Christian Brothers Chapel, Narragansett, RI, June 22, 2016.

“The Joy of Dominican Consecration,” Dominican Vicariate of East Africa, Karen, Kenya, July 27th – 28th, 2015.

“Waiting: A Retreat for Advent,” St. Mary’s Parish, Landover Hills, MD, December 1st – 2nd, 2014.

“Contemplation and the Creed,” Charlottesville Frassati Fellowship Theology on Tap, Charlottesville, VA, September 25th, 2014.

“The Four Last Things: Hell,” Advent Conferences at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C., December 23rd, 2012.

Awards and Recognitions

Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception: Marie Jackie Brunetta Burse for Excellence in Liturgical Preaching, 2015

Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, Institutional Honors for the Masters in Divinity: *Summa Cum Laude*, 2015

Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, Institutional Honors for the Bachelor in Sacred Theology: *Summa Cum Laude*, 2014

Dickinson College, Institutional Honors: *Summa Cum Laude*

Dickinson College, Departmental Honors: The George Allan Prize in Philosophy

Dickinson College, Departmental Honors: The Charles Mortimer Griffin Prize in Religion

Dickinson College Chapter: Phi Beta Kappa (2007 – Present)

Dickinson College Chapter: Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society (2006 – 2007)

Professional Affiliations

American Catholic Philosophical Association
American Philosophical Association
American Maritain Association
Société Internationale pour l'Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale
Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics
Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy
Society for Medieval and Renaissance Thomism

Language Proficiencies

English
Latin
French

Other Experience

Production Manager, *Journal of Analytic Theology* (2018-2019)
Review Manager, *Journal of Analytic Theology* (2018-2019)
Graduate Assistant, Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion (2018-2019)
Proofreader, *The Thomist* (2013 – 2014)
Editor, *Dominicana* (2012 – 2013)