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RESEARCH AREAS

My research focuses on contemporary Thomistic philosophy, especially the work of Cornelio Fabro in metaphysics and epistemology. My work explores the integration of Thomistic philosophical anthropology and theories of cognition with contemporary neuroscience, phenomenology, and cognitive science, while also pursuing research in political and economic philosophy.

AOS: Philosophy of mind, Epistemology, Thomistic philosophy

AOC: Phenomenology, Medieval Philosophy, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Political Philosophy, Economic Philosophy

CURRENT PROJECTS

- Two chapters for a book with Sr. Mary Clare Smith, SND, PhD on Catholic neurotheology: "Grace and the Cogitative Power of Aquinas: A Catholic Neurotheological Approach" and "Ignatius' Consolation and Desolation: A Catholic Neurotheological Examination"
- Articles on Aquinas and Alva Noë, Aquinas and Merleau-Ponty
- Editorial work for the Cornelio Fabro Cultural Project: *The Metaphysical Notion of Participation, The Soul*, and *Introduction to Existentialism*

EDUCATION

Carmelite Institute of Britian and Ireland, Dublin, Ireland (accredited by St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, Ireland)

M.Th. in Carmelite Studies

- September 2026 - Present

Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum, Rome, Italy

STL in Spiritual theology

- October 2026 – present

Ph.D. in philosophy, Summa cum laude – Degree conferred November 18, 2025

- September 2019 – November 2025
- Doctoral dissertation entitled: *Towards a Thomistic enactivist and embodied view of perception: Cornelio Fabro's* sensibilia per accidens *as the object of the* vis cogitativa *in dialogue with Maurice Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology, J. J. Gibson's Ecological Psychology, and Alva Noë's Sensorimotor Enactivism*
    - Defended June 30, 2025
    - 554 pages, ISBN 978-88-96990-76-6
  - Director: Alex Yeung, L.C.
  - Reader: Alberto Cararra, L.C.

Pontificia Facoltà Teologica Teresianum, Rome, Italy

Corso di Teologia Spirituale

- Fall 2025 – Fall 2026 – 32 ECTS

Universidad Autónoma de Chile, Chile

Diplomado Postgrado en Neurociencia Humana y Neuropsicología (Post-graduate diploma in Human Neuroscience and Neuropsychology)

- April – August 2026

Pontificia Università San Tommaso d'Aquino, Rome, Italy

Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Philosophy

- Winter 2026

The Fulton Sheen House of Formation, Chillum, Maryland

Philosophical and Theological Studies (B.S. / M.Div. equivalent)

- Philosophical studies from fall 2008 to spring 2011 (completed May 2011)
- Theological studies from fall 2011 to spring 2015 (completed May 2015)
- Profession of Perpetual Vows – May 8th, 2014
- Ordination to the Diaconate – May 31st, 2014
- Ordination to the Priesthood – May 30th, 2015

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., School of Philosophy

Licentiate in philosophy (Ph.L., 2014)

- Thesis entitled: "Freedom in Saint Thomas according to Cornelio Fabro"
  - Director: Tobias Hoffmann
  - Reader: Cristina Ionescu

The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

B.A., 2007 - Spanish, with academic minors in general biology and Czech literature, language, and culture, with completion of studies required for entrance into medical school

- Dean's Merit Scholarship for full tuition

Schoolcraft College, Livonia, Michigan
Non-degree student, 2006
- Emergency Medical Technician – Intermediate (I-85)
    - Skills include IV and IO administration, as well as tracheal intubation

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin
Non-degree student, 2022
- German for Reading and Translation (DCS fall 2022 - 4719-23-LSA) - Online

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION INDICATED)

At Christendom College, Rome campus – Associate Staff
- PHIL301 – History of Medieval Philosophy – Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026, Fall 2026, contracted for Spring 2027 – In English

At the University of Saint Joseph, Macao, Macao – Adjunct Staff/Visiting Professor
- BCR107 – History of Medieval Philosophy – Winter 2026, contracted for Winter 2027 – In English

At the Maryvale Institute (associated with St. Mary's University Twickenham, London)
- BDiv. Programme Director – September 2026 - Present
- As associate staff - History of Philosophy (M1.4) for BDiv – 2024-2025, 2025-2026 – In English
- As associate staff - The Thought of Saint Thomas Aquinas – 2020, 2023 – In English

At the Venerable Fulton Sheen House of Formation, Chillum, Maryland
- Philosophical Anthropology – 2026 - Bilingual English/Spanish
- Philosophy of Nature/Cosmology – 2022-2023, 2024, 2025 - Bilingual English/Spanish
- Contemporary Philosophy – 2017 – In English
- Modern Philosophy – 2016 – In English
- Introduction to the Natural Sciences – 2016–2017 – In Spanish
- Introduction to Logic – 2014–2019 – Bilingual English/Spanish
- History of Medieval Philosophy – 2011–2017 – Bilingual English/Spanish
- Second-year Latin – 2010–2011 – In English
- First-year Latin – 2009–2010 – In English

At the Saint Isaac Jogues and Companion Martyrs Novitiate, Mt. Rainier, Maryland
- Introduction to Sacred Liturgy – 2018–2019 – Bilingual English/Spanish
- Introduction to Sacred Scripture – 2017–2019 – Bilingual English/Spanish
- Introduction to Philosophy – 2012–2014, 2017–2019 – Bilingual English/Spanish

At Our Lady of Sheshan Seminary, Lipa, Batangas, Philippines
- Philosophical Ethics: General and Special – 2018 – In English

At the San Vitaliano Papa Seminary, Montefiascone, Viterbo, Lazio, Italy

- Contemporary Philosophy – 2021-2025 – In Italian
- Modern Philosophy – 2020-2024 – In Italian

At the Fides et Ratio Center for Higher Studies, Fossanova, Latina, Lazio, Italy

- Cornelio Fabro's Approach to Phenomenology in *Phenomenology of Perception* and *Perception and Thought* – 2024 – In Italian
- Intermediate-Advanced Academic English – 2022-2023 – In English

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Catholic Philosophical Association
British Society for Phenomenology
International Merleau-Ponty Circle
The Society of Christian Philosophers

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer reviewer for the *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* and *Constructivist Foundations*
Coordinator and Series Editor for the English-language division of the Cornelio Fabro Cultural Project

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

Books:

- *Breaking the Bread of the Word.* 4 vols. Chillum, MD: IVEPress, various. Volume 1: Advent and Christmas Seasons – Other Writings; Volume 2: Lenten and Easter Seasons; Volume 3: Ordinary Time Weeks 1-17; Volume 4: Ordinary Time Weeks 18-34
- *Take, Lord, and receive: A Manual of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.* 2 vols. Chillum, MD: IVEPress, 2024. Volume 1: Weeks 1 and 2; Volume 2: Weeks 3 and 4
- *Behold your Mother: Meditations on Mary our Mother.* Chillum, MD: IVEPress. 2021

Book Chapters:

- "Participation as a Political and Marian Hermeneutic." In *Mary and Political Philosophy: Edited Volume*, ed. Michaël Bauwens and Jared Schumacher, Sedes Sapientiae Symposium, forthcoming.
- "Introduction." In *Selected Works of Cornelio Fabro: Vol 5: The Phenomenology of Perception*. Chillum, MD: IVEPress, 2021: XIII-XXIII.

Edited Works:

- Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo, *Grace as Participation*. Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2025.
- Cornelio Fabro. *Selected Works of Cornelio Fabro: Vol 19: Introduction to Saint Thomas*. Translated by Joshua Furnal. Chillum, MD: IVEPress, 2022.

- Cornelio Fabro. *Selected Works of Cornelio Fabro: Vol 5: The Phenomenology of Perception.* Translated by Giulio Silano. Chillum, MD: IVEPress, 2021.
- Cornelio Fabro. *Selected Works of Cornelio Fabro: Vol 2: Selected Articles on Søren Kierkegaard.* Chillum, MD: IVEPress, 2020.
- Cornelio Fabro. *Selected Works of Cornelio Fabro: Vol 3: Selected Articles on Atheism and Freedom.* Chillum, MD: IVEPress, 2020.
- Cornelio Fabro. *Profiles of Saints.* Translated by Giulio Silano. Chillum, MD: IVEPress, 2019. Translation of *Profili di Santi.*
- Cornelio Fabro. *God: Introduction to Questions in Theology.* Translated by Joseph T. Papa. Chillum, MD: IVEPress, 2017. Translation of *Dio: Introduzione al problema teologico.*
- Various authors. *Cornelio Fabro: Essential Thinker (Studia Fabriana).* Chillum, MD: IVEPress, 2017.
- Cornelio Fabro. *Selected Works of Cornelio Fabro: Vol 1: Selected Articles on Metaphysics and Participation.* Chillum, MD: IVEPress, 2016.

Peer Reviewed Articles:

- "A Note on Fabrian Hermeneutics." *Incarnate Word*, under review.
- "Aquinas and Contemporary Epistemological Research." *Lumen*, forthcoming.
- "Saint Thomas Aquinas in Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body." *Incarnate Word,* 12, 1 (2025): 25-55. DOI: 10.5840/tiw20251212.
- "Grace and the Act of Faith: A Fabrian Model." *Incarnate Word,* 9, 2 (2022): 89-108. DOI: 10.5840/tiw20229212
- "*Donum lingarum*: A Thomistic Perspective on Glossolalia." *Lumen Veritatis. Revista de inspiração tomista*, 14 (2), n. 55 – abril a junho, 2022: 219-233.
- "The Medieval Legend of Lidano d'Antena, OSB." *American Benedictine Review*. 73:4 December 2022: 414-433. ISSN: 0002-7650.
- "Strange Bedfellows: Cornelio Fabro on Ludwig Wittgenstein." *The Incarnate Word,* 8, 2 (2021): 93-104. DOI: 10.5840/tiw20218218
- "Mystical Phenomena of the Heart in Carlo da Sezze's *Trattato delle tre vie*." *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality*, vol. 21 no. 2, 2021, p. 302-316. *Project MUSE* muse.jhu.edu/article/809152.
- "Some Thoughts on Freedom in Saint Thomas Aquinas According to Cornelio Fabro." *Incarnate Word,* 7, 2 (2020): 65-125. DOI: 10.5840/tiw2020712

Writings for Other Publications:

- "A Plea from the Heart for San Carlo da Sezze." *Franciscan Connections*, Summer (2020): 3-7: https://www.academia.edu/44403373/A Plea from the Heart for San Carlo da Sezze
- "The Month of the Priesthood." *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*, November (2020): https://www.hprweb.com/2020/11/the-month-of-the-priesthood/

Translations:

Spanish to English

- Meinvielle, Julio. *The Catholic Understanding of the Economy*. Chillum, MD: IVEPress, 2025. Translation of *Concepción católica de la economía.*
- Sacheri, Carlos Alberto. "Some Thoughts from Carlos Sacheri on Human Dignity." *The Incarnate Word,* 11, 2 (2024). Translation of "La persona humana y su dignidad," "Los derechos esenciales de la persona," "La iglesia frente al liberalismo," and "La iglesia frente al capitalismo" in *El Orden Natural* (Buenos Aires: Vortice, 2008): 57-60, 61-63, 64-68, 69-72. DOI: 10.5840/tiw202411214.
- Meinvielle, Julio. *The Catholic Understanding of Politics*. Chillum, MD: IVEPress, 2023. Translation of *Concepción católica de la política.*
- Fuentes, Miguel Ángel. *Addictions: An Anthropological Vision. Virtus Series Vol. 11*. Chillum, MD: IVEPress, 2023. Translation of *Las Adicciones: Una Visión Antropológica.*
- Fuentes, Miguel Ángel. *I want to! Education of the Will. Virtus Series Vol. 16.* Chillum, MD: IVEPress, 2021. Translation of *¡Quiero! Educación de la voluntad.*
- Meinvielle, Julio. *Critique of Maritain's Understanding of the Human Person.* Chillum, MD: IVEPress, 2020. Translation of *Critica de la concepción de Maritain sobre la persona humana.*

Spanish / Latin to English

- Buela, Carlos Miguel. *Bread of Eternal Life, Chalice of Everlasting Salvation.* New York: IVEPress, 2013. Translation of *Pan de Vida Eterna, Cáliz de Eterna Salvación.*

Italian to English

- Fabro, Cornelio. "The Presence of Christ." *Incarnate Word,* 13, 2 (2026). Translation of a text by Cornelio Fabro. DOI: 10.5840/tiw20261315
- Fabro, Cornelio. "Introduction to a Work of Kierkegaard." *Incarnate Word,* 11, 2 (2024). Translation of a text by Cornelio Fabro. DOI: 10.5840/tiw202411215.
- Fabro, Cornelio. "Hegel and Christ." *Incarnate Word*, 10, 2 (2023). Translation of Hegel e Cristo," in *Il Regno*, XI, 1, 1953, pp. 33-38; reprinted in *Aquinas*, XIII, 1970, pp. 355-366. DOI: 10.5840/tiw20231029
- Fabro, Cornelio. "Kierkegaard and Luther: Agreement and Disagreement" *Incarnate Word,* 10, 1 (2023): 159-171. Translation of "Kierkegaard e Lutero: incontro-scontro," *Humanitas* 39, no. 1 (Feb 1984): 5–12. DOI: 10.5840/tiw20231015
- Fabro, Cornelio. "The Problematic of the Thomistic *esse*." *Incarnate Word,* 9, 2 (2022): 89-108. Translation of "La problematica dello «esse» tomistico" in Fabro, Cornelio, *Tomismo e pensiero moderno*. Rome: Pontificia Università Lateranense, 1969: 103-134. DOI: 10.5840/tiw20229213
- Gnocchi, Carlo. *The Pedagogy of Innocent Suffering.* Chillum, MD: IVEPress, 2017. Translation of *Pedagogia del dolore innocente*.

Spanish / Italian to English

- Fontana, Elvio. *Introduction to Cornelio Fabro.* Chillum, MD: IVEPress, 2016. Translation of *Cornelio Fabro: In Memoriam*, with new introduction by Elvio Fontana.

Reviews and Critical Notices:

- Andrew B. Newberg and Mary Clare Smith, *Catholic Neurotheology*. Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press, 2024. Reviewed in *The Incarnate Word*, 12, 2 (2025): 146-149. DOI: 10.5840/tiw202512218
- Robert McGrath, *Aquinas, Aristotle, and Augustine: Essentials of Natural Philosophy and Western Thought*. Privately published, 2024. Reviewed in *The Incarnate Word*, 12, 2 (2025): 140-145. DOI: 10.5840/tiw202512217
- Alva Noë, *Strange Tools: Art and Human Nature*. New York: Hill and Wang, 2016. Reviewed in *The Incarnate Word*, 7, 2 (2020): 207-209. DOI: 10.5840/tiw20207218
- Alva Noë, *Varieties of Presence*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2012. Reviewed in *The Incarnate Word*, 7, 2 (2020): 210-212. DOI: 10.5840/tiw20207219
- Umberto Castiello, *La mente delle piante: Introduzione alla psicologia vegetale*. Bologna: Il Mulino, 2019. Reviewed in *The Incarnate Word*, 7, 1 (2020): 209-219. DOI: 10.5840/tiw2020718
- Juan José Sanguineti, *Neuroscienza e filosofia dell'uomo*. Rome: EDUSC, 2015. Reviewed in *The Incarnate Word*, 7, 1 (2020): 225-226. DOI: 10.5840/tiw20207110

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- "Le scienze cognitive, San Tommaso d'Aquino, e il futuro dell'epistemologia" – September 2025 - *Lectio Brevis* for the Fides et Ratio Center for Higher Studies, Fossanova, Italy.
- "Aquinas and Contemporary Epistemology Research" – June 2025 – Presentation for Fu Jen Academia Catholica International Conference & Jubilee Conference on the 800th Birth Anniversary of St. Thomas Aquinas, Fu Jen Catholic University, Taipei, Taiwan.
- "The Priesthood as Participation in the Sacred Heart" – June 2024 – Presentation for "'Christian Know Your Dignity' The Royal Priesthood and the Renewal of the Church" conference, St. Mary's University, Twickenham, London
- "Grace and the Act of Faith: A Fabrian Model" – June 2022 – Presentation for the Sacra Doctrina conference, Northfield, Massachusetts
- "An Introduction to Cornelio Fabro" – May 2019 – *Lectio Brevis* for the Fulton Sheen House of Formation, Chillum, Maryland
- "An Introduction to Cornelio Fabro" – July 2018 – *Lectio Brevis* for Our Lady of Sheshan Seminary, Lipa, Batangas, Philippines
- "A Brief Introduction to Cornelio Fabro" – April 2016 – Fabro Symposium held at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

AWARDS, HONORS, DISTINCTIONS

- 2024-2025 – Carl Menger Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia - Accepted
- 2007 – Scholarship for Full-Tuition, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas – Declined
- 2003 – Dean's Merit Scholarship for Full-Tuition for Four Years of Study, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor - Accepted

LANGUAGES

- English – native speaker
- Spanish – fluent
- Italian – fluent
- Czech – reading and some speaking
- Latin – advanced reading
- French – advanced reading
- Portuguese – advanced reading
- Biblical Greek – reading
- German – reading

PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS

- Regular assistance within the Apostolic Vicarate of Northern Arabia (AVONA) – January 2021 to present
- Associate Pastor, Co-Cathedral of Santa Maria, Sezze, LT, Italy (Diocese of Latina-Terracina-Sezze-Priverno) – October 2019 to present
- Parochial Vicar, Saint James Parish, Mt. Rainier, MD, USA (Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.), and assistant master of novices, Saints Isaac Jogues and Companion Martyrs Novitiate – June 2017 to October 2019
- Secretary to the Provincial Superior, Chillum, MD, USA (Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.) – May 2014 to June 2017

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

- 3rd Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 587
- NREMT-B (National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians – Basic) – lapsed