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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

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- M.T.S., University of Notre Dame 2023 – 2025  
Area of Concentration: Moral Theology
- M.A. Coursework, Dominican House of Studies 2022 – 2023  
Notable Course: Thomistic Action Theory: Moral Principles, Systematic Implications,  
and Contemporary Debates
- M.A. Coursework, Pontificia Università San Tommaso d’Aquino (Angelicum) Spring 2022  
Thomistic Institute - Rome Study Abroad Program  
Notable Courses: Elements of Metaphysics, Science and Philosophy, God in Ancient and  
Medieval Metaphysics
- B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science (*summa cum laude*), Drew University 2018 – 2022  
Thesis: The Limping Violinist: Why Thomson’s Defense of Abortion Does Not Establish  
the Conclusion that Abortion is Morally Permissible

### PUBLISHED ACADEMIC PAPERS

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“Teleology and the Problem of Bodily-Rights Arguments” *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, Vol. 23, No. 1 (2023): 83-97.

### ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

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- “The Ethics of Embryo Adoption”, Society for Christian Bioethicists, 2023 conference, October 20-21, 2023. Presented and chaired panel, “Ethics at the Beginning of Life.”
- “Teleology, the Uterus, and the Rights of the Unborn.”, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Annual Fall Conference 2022, Notre Dame, ““And It Was Very Good’: On Creation,” November 9-12, 2022.

## WORK EXPERIENCE, FELLOWSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

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University of Notre Dame, Teaching Assistant Fall 2023  
Graded assignments for Prof. Timothy O'Malley's undergraduate course, "Nuptial Mystery."

De Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, Sorin Fellows Program 2023 – Present  
Supported by the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame, the Sorin Fellows Program is a student formation program comprised of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students that provides opportunities to these Sorin Fellows to consider perennial and contemporary issues within the framework of the Catholic moral and intellectual tradition and nourish their appreciation for the spiritual heritage of the Church.

Thomistic Institute, Contract Worker 2023 – Present  
Duties: Part-time work consisting of supporting the Thomistic Institute in its various logistical needs. In this capacity, I have been responsible for logistically organizing the Thomistic Institute's online Summa Reading Groups and accepting applications for the groups.

Equal Rights Institute, Writing Intern Summer 2023  
Duties: Wrote two articles for the Equal Rights Institute's blog which focuses on helping pro-life people to be more persuasive when communicating with pro-choice people by providing strong pro-life arguments and dialogue tips.  
Blog articles: "[Is Consent to Sex Consent to Pregnancy? A Reply to Boonin's Argument from Social Conventions](#)" and "[What is a Human Conscious Experience and do All Conscious Humans Have It?](#)"

Civitas Dei Summer Fellowship June, 2023  
A weeklong academic fellowship for graduate students hosted in Washington D.C. by the Institute for Human Ecology at the Catholic University of America and the Thomistic Institute at the Dominican House of Studies. The 2023 fellowship offered courses and seminars given by distinguished scholars on the theme of "Friendship, Happiness, and the Search for God" in the thought of Aristotle, Augustine, and Aquinas.

Thomistic Institute, Junior Fellows Program 2022 – 2023  
Duties: A year-long fellowship consisting of working for the Thomistic Institute and graduate-level studies at the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Supporting the Thomistic Institute's mission to spread the Catholic intellectual tradition through initiatives such as the Campus Chapters program,

intellectual retreats, and Aquinas 101. Experience using programs such as Canva, Salesforce, Pardot, Zapier, and Squarespace.

U.S. Army Reserve, Psychological Operations Specialist, E-4 2018 – Present  
Duties: Serving in the 360th Psychological Operations Company. Training obligation of one weekend a month, and two weeks per year during the summer in Fort Dix, New Jersey. Conduct Military Information Support Operations (MISO).