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EDUCATION

- **Dominican House of Studies** *Expected: May 2024*
MA: Theology GPA: 3.9
Thesis: Avicenna and Aquinas on the Derivation of Many from One
- **University of Toledo** *2017-2021*
BA: Economics; BA: Philosophy GPA: 4.0

RESEARCH AND SERVICE

- **Double/Triple-Blind Reviewed Academic Publications**
(Abstracts Available Upon Request)
 - ‘Existential Inertia and Thomistic Esse.’ *New Blackfriars* (2024): 1-12.
 - ‘Aquinas on the Creation of the Human Soul: An Argument and Response to Some Difficulties.’ *Saint Anselm Journal* 19, no. 2 (2024): 95-121.
 - ‘The Intelligibility of Creation.’ Forthcoming in the *European Journal for the Study of Thomas Aquinas*.
 - ‘The Relationship Between Plotinus’s *On Beauty* and Augustine’s *Contra Academicos* 2.5.’ Forthcoming in *Augustinian Studies*.
- **Book Chapters and Edited Volumes**
(Abstracts Available Upon Request)
 - ‘Mariology as a Preface to Metaphysics?’ Forthcoming in *The Sedes Sapientiae: Roots, Prospects and Fruits of Philosophising in Mary*. (Publisher Forthcoming).
- **Articles in Progress**
(Abstracts Available Upon Request)
 - ‘Gregory of Nyssa’s Anti-Subordinationist Reading of 1 Corinthians 15:28: The Argument.’ (In progress: With Jordan Daniel Wood)
 - ‘*De Hebdomadibus* and the Goodness of Created Things.’ (In progress)
 - ‘A New Look at Ibn Sina’s (Avicenna) ‘Rule of One’ in *Metaphysics* IX.4.’ (In progress)
 - ‘Hic Homo Intelligit.’ (Planning)
 - ‘The Metaphysics of Paul.’ (Planning)
- **Reviews and Comments**
(Papers Available Upon Request)
 - Commentator: Patrick Zoll, ‘Needs the Christian Tradition to be Dehellenized?’ given at the 2023 Dionysius Circle Symposium on Aquinas’s *In Div. Nom.*
- **Academic Conference Papers**
(Papers Available Upon Request)
 - ‘The *Divine Names* and Principles of Analogical Predication?’ *North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting*. Chicago, IL. May 23-25, 2024.
 - ‘Being and Non-being as Constitutive Identity Principles in Aquinas.’ *74th Annual Meeting of the Metaphysical Society of America*. Fordham University. New York, NY. March 7-10, 2024.
 - ‘The Living Bread: Gregory of Nyssa’s ‘Pharmacological’ View of the Eucharist.’ *Thomas Aquinas and the Eucharist: Pathways to Revival*. Ave Maria University. Ave Maria, FL. February 1-3, 2024.
 - ‘Aquinas’s Metaphysics of Creation and the Human Soul in the *De Potentia Dei*.’ *St. Anselm’s Metaphysics Colloquium: The God of Creation*. St. Anselm’s College. Goffstown, NH. June 14-15, 2023.
 - ‘Maximus the Confessor on Peter and Thomas as a Biblical Model for Faith’s Ascent to God.’ *The Primacy of God in a Secular Age: On the Theological Virtue of Faith*. Sacra Doctrina Project. Baltimore, MD. June 8-10, 2023.
 - ‘Plotinus and the Powers of Horror: A Seeming Tension.’ *Beauty at Work: An International Symposium*. Catholic University of America. Washington, D.C. May 27-28, 2023.
- **Invited Talks**
(Outlines/Papers Available Upon Request)

- ‘The Influence of Islamic Philosophy on Aquinas.’ Invited interview for the *Classical Theism Podcast*. Summer, 2024.
- ‘Plotinus and Augustine on Beauty and Evil.’ Invited talk for faculty and students at the University of Toledo Philosophy Dept. March 28, 2024.

- **Dionysius Circle Research Group**

2021-Present

Co-founded in 2021 an organization dedicated to the study of Christian Neoplatonism.

- Organized and held two annual conferences on the *Divine Names*, both having over 50 participants.
- Organize and host 6-10 interviews per year with academics from across the world.
- Co-host of a weekly reading group with 6-10 people on various texts from the Neoplatonic and contemporary academic traditions.

- **Classical Theism Podcast Research Team**

2021-2022

Helped the Classical Theism Podcast prepare for interviews.

- Aided in brainstorming ideas for the podcast to grow and prepared research notes on topics for interviews.

- **Thomistic Institute Chapter Founder**

2021-2022

Founded a TI chapter and served as president.

- Managed multiple reading groups with undergraduates and other graduate students.
- Planned and hosted five speakers, managing the logistics and finances of each event with an average attendance of 20-30 people. The speakers were Dr. Kenneth Kemp, Dr. Tomas Bogardus, Dr. Paul LaPenna, Dr. Alexander Pruss, and Dr. Joshua Hochschild.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Research Assistant**

2021 - Present

Helped to form annotated bibliographies and gave critical feedback.

- Assisted Fr. Ambrose Little (DHS) with four projects: gave critical feedback on his paper on Plotinus’s account of naming evil, provided an annotated bibliography for further research on Plotinus, researched contemporary literature on Aquinas’s Fourth Way, and evaluated an argument in his forthcoming paper on Aristotle’s *Generation and Corruption II.4*.
- Assisted Fr. Gregory Pine (DHS) with three projects: researched the concept of truth and certainty in Aquinas’s epistemology and provided feedback with the aim of getting a paper published; assisted with suggestions for his forthcoming book on the Eucharist; researched the magisterial teaching on the authority of Aquinas.
- Assisted Dr. Jeanine Diller (U of Toledo) with creating annotated bibliographies relating to J.L. Schellenberg’s work on Ultimism, and David Hume’s argument concerning miracles.

- **Thomistic Institute**

September, 2022 - Present

Contract Work

Washington, D.C.

- Helped run and prepare intellectual retreats with anywhere from 15-90 participants.
- Edited podcasts, website pages, and data entry.
- Managed donor calls.

- **A and L Landscaping**

April 2021 - Present (Seasonal)

Site Manager

Westland, MI

- Worked with heavy machinery to remodel yards, remove and plant trees, and perform basic landscaping jobs.
- Led multiple crews of two to four people.

- **NCAA D1 Athlete**

August, 2017 - May, 2020

Men’s Golf

University of Toledo

- Competed as a college athlete for three years
- Time commitment: 30 hours a week

LANGUAGES, TECHNICAL SKILLS, AND INTERESTS

Languages: French (advanced), Latin (intermediate), and Ancient Greek (beginner)

Developer Tools: STATA Economic Analysis, Wordpress, Squarespace, Salesforce, and Adobe Premier

Soft Skills: Leadership, Resilience, Communication, Flexibility, and Persistence

HONORS

- **Thomistic Institute Luddy Scholar**

2023-2024

- Received a two-year fully-funded (tuition and living stipend) position given to two students per year. My responsibilities include working eight hours per week for the Thomistic Institute.

- **University of Toledo Philosophy Outstanding Student Award**

2021

- University of Toledo Outstanding Student Award: Philosophy Department.
- University of Toledo Outstanding Student Award: Economics Department.

- **University of Toledo Rhodes Scholar Nominee**

2021