

PATRICK FISHER

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

M.A., Philosophy May 2023
Minor in Women's and Gender Studies
St. Louis University

B.A., Philosophy, Mathematics, and Catholic Studies, *Summa Cum Laude* May 2017
University of St. Thomas (MN)

Areas of Research

Metaphysics, Medieval Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Mathematics,
Philosophy of Science, Feminist Philosophy

Publications

"The Metaphysics of Mathematical Explanation in Science: Platonist and Nominalist Problems and Aristotelian Solutions," *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 95:153-163 (2021). Winner of the Karen Chan Young Scholar's Award.

Presentations

"The Epistemology of Suffering in Mechthild of Magdeburg: A Medieval Mystic in Dialogue with Audre Lorde," Women's and Gender Studies Brown Bag, St. Louis University, April 2023.

"The Epistemology of Suffering in Mechthild of Magdeburg: A Medieval Mystic in Dialogue with Audre Lorde," Winter Forum of The Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, Chicago, January 2023. Awardee of the St. John Berchmans prize.

"The Metaphysics of Mathematical Explanation in Science: Platonist and Nominalist Problems and Aristotelian Solutions," American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting, St. Louis, MO, Nov. 2021. Winner of the Karen Chan Young Scholar's Award.

"The Nature of Mathematical Objects: A Thomistic-Aristotelian Perspective," The Metaphysical Dimensions of Nature, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross & Notre Dame, Rome, Feb. 2017.

"A Thomistic Foundation for Environmental Ethics: Theocentrism and the Cosmic Good," American Catholic Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 2016.

Grants

All of the following were through the University of St. Thomas Grants and Research Office:

Collaborative Inquiry Grant (\$1000) “A Powers Based Account of the Truthmakers for Mathematical Truths” Mentored by Dr. Timothy Pawl, Professor of Philosophy, UST	Spring 2017
Conference Travel Grant (\$1321) “A Thomistic Foundation for Environmental Ethics” American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting	Nov. 2016
Partnership in Learning Grant (\$1000) “Leibniz and Mathematical Explanation in Science” Supervised by Dr. Thomas Feeny, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, UST	Fall 2016
Collaborative Inquiry Grant (\$1000) “Must Science Lie? Investigating the Necessity of Misrepresentation and the Role of Idealization in Scientific Modeling” Mentored by Dr. Peter Distelzweig, Associate Professor of Philosophy, UST	Fall 2016
Young Scholars Grant (\$4000) “The Metaphysical Implications of Mathematical Explanation in Science” Mentored by Dr. Thomas Feeny, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, UST	Summer 2016
Partnership in Learning Grant (\$1000) “Catholic Engagement in Philosophy of Science” Supervised by Dr. Peter Distelzweig, Associate Professor of Philosophy, UST	Spring 2016
Collaborative Inquiry Grant (\$1000) “Green Thomism: An Environmental Ethic of Thomas Aquinas” Mentored by Dr. Gloria Frost, Professor of Philosophy, UST	Spring 2015

Teaching Experience

Philosophy Tutor, Philosophy Department, UST	Sep. 2014 – Dec. 2016
Learning Community Leader, Mathematics Department, UST	Sep. 2015 – Dec. 2015
Mathematics Tutor, Mathematics Resource Center, UST	Sep. 2014 – May 2015
Statistics Tutor, Disability Resources, UST	Sep. 2013 – May 2014

Honors, Awards, & Scholarships

St. John Berchmans Prize In top three papers at Winter Forum of the Hank Center for Intellectual Heritage. For “The Epistemology of Suffering in Mechthild of Magdeburg: A Medieval Mystic in Dialogue with Audre Lorde”	April 2023
Karen Chan Young Scholar’s Award Best paper submitted by scholar under the age of 35. For “The Metaphysics of Mathematical Explanation in Science: Platonist and Nominalist Problems and Aristotelian Solutions”	Nov. 2021

Thomas D. Sullivan Medal	Spring 2017
For excellence in an undergraduate philosophy paper.	
For “The Metaphysics of Mathematical Explanation in Science”	
Delta Epsilon Sigma, National Undergraduate Scholarship Recipient	Fall 2016
Departmental Scholarship, Mathematics	Sep. 2016 – May 2017
Departmental Scholarship, Catholic Studies	May 2015 – May 2017
University Honors Student (Aquinas Scholars)	Jan. 2014 - 2017
Dean’s List	Sep. 2013 – May 2017
National Merit Semifinalist and Scholarship Recipient	Sep. 2013 – May 2017

Languages

Latin (intermediate), Ancient Greek (intermediate)

References

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Dr. Penny Weiss, Women’s and Gender Studies Department, St. Louis University
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Dr. Gloria Frost, Philosophy Department, University of St. Thomas,
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