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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Center for Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX), May 2009
Dissertation: *The Philosophical Significance of Cartesian Sensory Physiology*
Director: Christopher Martin, D.Phil.
- M.A. Philosophy, Center for Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX), 1997
- B.A. Liberal Arts, Thomas Aquinas College (Santa Paula, CA), 1992
Four-year seminar Great Books program
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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Modern philosophy
Ancient & Scholastic epistemology and natural science
History of Philosophy and Science

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ancient, Medieval, and Modern Philosophy, Phenomenology, Personalism, Logic, Philosophy of Science

EMPLOYMENT

- Benedictine College (Atchison, KS) *Assistant Professor in Philosophy*, Spring 2010 - present
University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, MN) *Visiting Assistant Instructor in Philosophy*, Fall 2007 - Summer 2008
University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX) *Adjunct Instructor, Philosophy*, Fall 2002 - Summer 2007
North Harris College (Houston, TX) *Adjunct Instructor, Philosophy*, Fall 2004 - Summer 2005
San Jacinto College - Central Campus (Pasadena, TX) *Adjunct Instructor, Philosophy*, Spring 2004

San Jacinto College - South Campus (Pasadena, TX) *Adjunct Instructor, Philosophy*, Spring 2002
Houston Community College (Houston, TX) *Adjunct Instructor, Philosophy*, Winter 2000 - Summer 2001
Houston Community College (Stafford, TX) *Adjunct Instructor, Philosophy*, Fall 1999

PUBLICATIONS

“Descartes’ Dismissal of Scholastic Intentional Forms: What would Thomas Aquinas say?” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 28, no. 2 (April 2011).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Forthcoming: “Natural Philosophy as the Point of Departure for Metaphysics,” *American Catholic Philosophical Association* (11/19, Minneapolis, MN)
- “Heidegger on Technology,” *The Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Convention* (9/18, Atchison, KS)
- “The Scientific Basis of Cartesian Sensory Skepticism,” *The International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science* (6/16, Minneapolis, MN).
- “The Philosophical Writings of St. Pope John Paul II: A Simple Explanation,” *Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization* (4/16, Atchison, KS).
- Commentary on “Descartes as Catholic Philosopher and Natural Philosopher,” *American Catholic Philosophical Association* (10/15, Boston, MA).
- Commentary on “Aquinas on the Passions’ Contribution to Moral Reasoning,” presented at the *American Catholic Philosophical Association* (9/12, Los Angeles, CA).
- Commentary on “Cogs, Dogs, and Robot Frogs: Aquinas’ Presence by Power and the Unity of Living Things,” *American Catholic Philosophical Association* (9/11, St. Louis, MO).
- “Can the optic nerves transmit the species of colors? Thomistic intentionality and modern neurophysiology,” 45th *International Congress on Medieval Studies* (5/10, Kalamazoo, MI).
- “From the scholastics to the early moderns: paradigm shift or scientific proof?” *South Central Renaissance Conference* (3/10, Corpus Christi, TX).
- Commentary “Reconsidering the Place of Teleological Arguments for the Existence of God in the Light of the ID/Evolution Controversy,” *American Catholic Philosophical Association* (11/09, New Orleans, LA).
- “Martha Nussbaum vs. the Commentary Tradition on Aristotelian Sense Perception,” *Marquette Summer Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy* (6/09, Milwaukee, WI).
- “Descartes’ Scientific Argument for Sensory Skepticism,” *Sixteenth Century Society Conference* (10/08, St. Louis, MO).
- “The Philosophical Significance of Aristotelian Sensory Physiology,” *Marquette Summer Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy* (6/07, Milwaukee, WI).
- “Aristotle on Sense Perception: The Enemy of My Enemy is Not My Friend. A Reply to Martha Nussbaum and Hilary Putnam,” *American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division* (12/06, Washington DC).
- “The Commensurability of Thomistic Natural Philosophy and Cartesian Mechanics,” *American Catholic Philosophical Association* (11/04, Houston, TX).
- “How Would Thomas Aquinas Answer Descartes?” *Texas Medieval Conference* (10/02, Houston, TX).
- “Heidegger and Aquinas on Metaphysics,” 19th annual *Heidegger Conference* (4/99, Denton, TX).

“Are Ends Subject to Deliberation in Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*? A Reply to David Wiggins,”
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (12/98, Washington DC).
“An Aristotelian Response to Thomas Hobbes,” *American Maritain Association* (10/98, Colorado Springs, CO).
“The Starting Point of Thomistic Metaphysics,” 33rd *International Congress on Medieval Studies* (5/98, Kalamazoo, MI).
“Paul Feyerabend’s Scientific Anarchism,” *Mid-South Philosophy Conference* (2/95, Memphis, TN).

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Catholic Philosophical Association
Member of Program Committee for the 2017 ACPA meeting
International Society for the History and Philosophy of Science

STUDENT ADVISING

“What is Conceivable is Possible? An Argument Against David Hume,” senior thesis by Anne Muenks (Discovery Day, 2012).
“Descartes and Sensory Skepticism,” senior thesis by Paige Gorman (Discovery Day, 2015)
“Newton’s Flaming Laser Sword and Meaning Beyond the Planck Length,” senior thesis by Marie Rioux (Discovery Day, 2019)

LANGUAGES

Latin (reading proficiency)
French (reading proficiency)
Thai (conversational, basic reading proficiency)

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Grievance Committee (2012-2013)
Honors Committee (2012-2013, 2014-present)
Curriculum Committee (2019-present)

COURSES TAUGHT

- Principles of Nature (an introductory philosophy courses which includes both logic and philosophy of nature components)
- Logic
- Ethics
- Philosophy of Nature
- Philosophical Psychology

- Philosophy of Science
- Continental Philosophy
- Philosophical Anthropology of Karol Wojtyla
- Philosophy of Albert Camus
- Renaissance/Early Modern Great Books