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Education

Ph.D., The Catholic University of America. School of Philosophy (Spring 2015).

Dissertation Title: “Thomas Aquinas on the Principle *Omne Agens Agit Sibi Simile*”

Dissertation Director: Kevin White
Dissertation Committee: Gregory T. Doolan
Rev. James Brent, O.P.

M.A., Liberal Arts. St. John’s College (Santa Fe). December 2004.

B.A., Major in Philosophy. St. John’s University (Collegeville, Minnesota). May 2002.

Fields of Teaching and Research

Area of Specialization: Medieval Philosophy, especially Thomas Aquinas.

Areas of Competence: Metaphysics; Natural Philosophy; History of Philosophy, especially Ancient and Medieval.

Academic Employment

Assistant and Associate Professor (tenured), Benedictine College. Fall 2015-present.

Part-time Lecturer, Mount St. Mary’s University. Spring 2014-Spring 2015.

Adjunct Instructor, The Catholic University of America. Fall 2008 and Spring 2015.

Teaching Fellow, The Catholic University of America. Fall 2009-Spring 2013.

Teaching Experience

Benedictine College: PHIL 4800: Aesthetics, PHIL 3740: Natural Theology, PHIL 3730: Metaphysics, PHIL 3550: Political Philosophy, PHIL 3250: Ethics, PHIL 2980: Beauty, Politics, and God, PHIL 2550: Philosophical Psychology, PHIL 2010: Logic, PHIL 1750: Principles of Nature

Mount St. Mary’s University: PHIL 203: Philosophy in the Modern Age, PHIL 103: Classical Philosophy

The Catholic University of America: PHIL 202: The Modern Mind, PHIL 201: The Classical Mind

Publications

“Thomas Aquinas on Assimilation to God through Efficient Causality” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 96, no. 4 (Fall 2022), pp. 525-44.

Review of *Philosophy Examined: Metaphilosophy in Pragmatic Perspective*, by Nicholas Rescher. *The Review of Metaphysics*, Vol. 75, no. 4. June 2022.

Review of *The Philosophy of Saint Thomas Aquinas: A Sketch*, by Stephen Brock. *The Review of Metaphysics*, Vol. 70, no. 2. Dec. 2016.

“Active Intellect.” *The New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2012-13: Ethics and Philosophy*. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale/Cengage, 2013.

“Passive Intellect.” *The New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2012-13: Ethics and Philosophy*. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale/Cengage, 2013.

Conference Presentations

“Natural Philosophy and Natural Theology in Aquinas.” Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association. Minneapolis, MN. November 2019.

“Thomas Aquinas on the Dignity of Human Generation.” Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization, Benedictine College. Atchison, Kansas. April 2016.

“The Axiom *Omne Agens Agit Sibi Simile* in Thomas Aquinas’s Natural Philosophy.” 48th International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, Michigan. May 2013.

Awards and Fellowships

Ranked in the top 10 percentile in the IDEA Student Ratings System. Fall 2019.
Most Valuable Professor Award, Mount St. Mary’s Women’s Lacrosse Team. Spring 2014.
FYE Teaching Fellowship, The Catholic University of America. Fall 2009-Spring 2013.
Johannes Quasten Scholarship, The Catholic University of America. 2007-2009.

Languages

Reading Knowledge: Latin, French, some German.

Professional Memberships

American Catholic Philosophical Association

Academic Service

Faculty Development Committee, 2022-present

Acting Department Chair, Fall 2023

Student Affairs Committee, 2017-2020 (Chair 2018-2019)