

# Francis M. Petruccelli

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Benedictine College, Atchison, KS  
Assistant Professor (2021 – current)

Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO  
Lecturer (2018 – 2019)

Catholic University of America, Washington, DC  
FYE Teaching Fellow (2016-2017)

## EDUCATION

The Catholic University of America, Ph.D. (2019)  
“Aristotelian Naturalism and the Grammar of Goodness: An Essay on Human Nature and Practical Rationality”  
Director: Dr. Angela McKay Knobel  
Committee: Dr. Michael Gorman, Dr. Anton Barba-Kay

The Catholic University of America, M.A. (2016)  
“Gangsters, Wolves, and Moral Agents: The Problem of Practical Reason in Contemporary Ethical Naturalism”  
Director: Dr. Angela McKay Knobel

Benedictine College, B.A., English and Philosophy, *magna cum laude* (2011)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

*A.O.S.*: Ethics, Phenomenology

*A.O.C.*: Philosophical Psychology, History of Philosophy (especially modern), Political Philosophy

## PUBLICATIONS

### Academic Papers

“Aristotelian Naturalism and the Challenge from Reason.” In *Aristotelian Naturalism: A Research Companion*. Edited by Martin Hähnel. Historical-Analytical Studies on Nature, Mind, and Action, vol. 8. Dordrecht: Springer, 2020. 295-310.

### Book Reviews

Review of Thomas Sheehan, *Making Sense of Heidegger: A Paradigm Shift*, in *Review of Metaphysics* (2016): 643-645.

### Selected Works in Progress

“Life as Agency: How to Think About Natural Goodness”

“Internal Reasons and the Scepticisms of Callicles: A Reading of Plato’s *Gorgias*”

“Motivating *De Anima* III.3: Intentionality and Perception in Aristotle’s Account of Soul”

### Conferences, Lectures, and Talks

“Objectivity, Normativity, and the Appeal to Human Nature: An Aristotelian Dilemma?” invited paper for *Happiness and Ethics in the Aristotelian Tradition*, Providence College (2018)

“Naturalism for Rational Animals,” invited lecture to senior seminar, Creighton University (2018)

“Pure Nature and the Metaphysics of Status” comment on Mark Spencer, *American Catholic Philosophical Association Conference*, Dallas, TX (2017)

“Justifying Moral Education: A Critique of McDowell and Williams,” selected paper for conference: *Philosophy and Education*, The Catholic University of America (2017)

“How is Practical Thinking Involved in Truth?” comment on Samuel Baker, invited participant in *Practical Truth in the Aristotelian Tradition*, University of South Carolina (2017)

“Clearing the Ground: Foot’s Opening Arguments in Natural Goodness” invited lecture to senior seminar, The Catholic University of America (2016)

“Do Fastballs Really Rise? Baseball, Science, and Objectivity,” invited lecture for *FYE Fall Lecture Series*, The Catholic University of America (2016)

“Temptation, Continence, and Inwardness: Heidegger Reads Augustine,” *American Catholic Philosophical Association Conference*, Boston, MA (2015)

## **TEACHING**

### Benedictine College

Principles of Nature

Logic

### Rockhurst University

Ethical Theory

### The Catholic University of America

Philosophy of Human Nature

The Classical Mind

The Modern Mind

As high school teacher:

### DeMatha Catholic High School

Secular Theories of Ethics

Philosophical Anthropology and Christian Ethics

## **HONORS, AWARDS, and GRANTS**

Seminarian, Aquinas's Philosophical Anthropology, The Witherspoon Institute, Princeton (2018)

Board of Trustees Scholarship, The Catholic University of America (2013-18)

Research Assistantship with Dr. Michele Averchi, The Catholic University of America (2016-17)

Highest Honors, Doctoral Reading Exam, Medieval/Early Modern Philosophy (2016)

Highest Honors, Doctoral Reading Exam, Modern/Contemporary Philosophy (2016)

Aquinas Medal for Outstanding Senior Philosopher, Benedictine College (2011)

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Chair, Philosophy Graduate Student Committee, The Catholic University of America (2014-16)

Co-organizer, "Philosophy and Education," conference, The Catholic University of America (2016)

Organizer, "The Public and the Private," conference, The Catholic University of America (2015)

Moderator, "Nature and Human Nature," lecture series, The Catholic University of America (2015)

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Catholic Philosophical Association

## **LANGUAGES**

German (reading)

Latin (reading)

French (reading)

## **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

Angela McKay Knobel

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John C. McCarthy

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Dean

The Catholic University of America

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