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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of St. Thomas, 2002-2003
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Benedictine College, 2003-2009
Associate Professor of Philosophy, Benedictine College, 2008- 2013
Professor of Philosophy, Benedictine College, 2014-present

Education

Ph.D., Purdue University, August 2002
Dissertation: “An Aristotelian Defense of Leibniz on Mechanism and Teleology”
Committee: Jan A. Cover (Chair), William L. Rowe, Jeffrey E. Brower
M.A., Kent State University, May 1998
Thesis: “Wittgenstein, Ryle, and Sellars on the Concept of Thinking”
Advisor: Kwang-Sae Lee
B.A., Saint Norbert College, *Summa cum Laude*, May 1996

Specialization

Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion

Areas of Competence

History of Philosophy (esp. Early Modern and Medieval), Logic

Academic Book

Mind, Matter, and Nature: A Thomistic Proposal for the Philosophy of Mind.
Washington D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2013.

Non-Academic Book

Tactical Barbell Presents: Ageless Athlete. Zulu Group Publishing: 2017.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“The Compatibility of Neuroscience and the Soul.” *Nova et Vetera* (Forthcoming – invited)
“Thomistic Theories of Intentionality and Physicalism.” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*. Vol. 91, No. 1 (Winter 2017): pp. 1-28.
“Hylomorphism in the Philosophy of Mind and the Philosophy of Religion.” *Philosophy Compass*. Volume 8, Issue 7, (July 2013): 664-676.
“Realism, Nominalism, and Biological Naturalism.” *International Philosophical Quarterly*. 51, no. 1 (2011): 85-102.

- “The Fifth Way, Scientism, and Intelligent Design.” *Faith and Reason*. 31, no. 3 (Fall 2006): 387-408.
- “A Counterfactual Analysis in Defense of Aquinas’ Inference of Omnipotence from Creation *Ex Nihilo*” (with Louis A. Mancha). *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association*. Vol. 79 (October, 2006): 145-154.
- “Giving the Devil his Due: Teleological Arguments After Hume.” In *Defense of Natural Theology: A Post-Humean Reassessment*, edited by Douglas Groothuis and James Sennett. Downers Grove, ILL: InterVarsity Press, 2005.
- “Aristotle, Induction and First Principles: How to Answer the Skeptical Challenge to Material Substance.” *International Philosophical Quarterly*. Vol. 44, No. 1 (March 2004): 35-52.
- "Leibniz and Malebranche on Teleology and the Intelligibility of Nature." *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association*. Vol. 79 (October 2004): 171-188.
- "What Intelligent Design Does Not Imply" (with Mark A. Discher). *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*. December, 2004: 296-298.
- "What Would Count as Defeating Naturalism? A Reply to Van Till" (with Mark A. Discher). *Perspective on Science and Christian Faith*. December, 2004: 296-298.

Invited Lectures

- Technological Difficulties: The Affirmation of Desire in an Age of Techno-Nihilism,” Plenary Address to the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars (September, 2018)
- “The Metaphysics of Soul,” featured presentation, Soul & Brain Conference at the Joseph B. Martin Conference Center at The Harvard School of Medicine (August, 2019)
- “Aristotle on the Good,” featured presentation, Soul & Brain Conference at the Joseph B. Martin Conference Center at The Harvard School of Medicine (August, 2019)
- “The Compatibility of Neuroscience and the Soul,” Thomistic Institute Lecture at the Harvard School of Medicine (January, 2019)
- “The Compatibility of Neuroscience and the Soul,” Thomistic Institute Lecture at the University of South Carolina (February, 2019)
- “Does Evolution Undermine Christianity?” Thomistic Institute Lecture at The University of Arizona (March, 2019)
- “Cognitive Science and the Soul,” a lecture and dialogue with March Johnston, Princeton Chair of Cognitive Science, at Princeton University (April, 2019)
- “Neuroscience and the Soul,” Thomistic Institute Lecture at the University of Kansas (May 2019)
- “Escaping Death – Digital Afterlife and Life Extension,” featured interview on the Humanity 2.0 Show (July 2019)
- “An Infinite God and a Finite World.” Plenary Address for the 8th Annual Mount St. Mary College Philosophy Workshop. June 2018.
- “What is a Soul, and When Does It Come to Be?” The Thomistic Institute, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. February 9, 2018.
- “The Compatibility of Neuroscience and the Soul.” The Thomistic Institute, Vanderbilt University. February 10, 2018.
- “The Compatibility of Neuroscience and the Soul.” The Thomistic Institute, Brown University. October 2017.

- “Does Science Prove There is No Soul?” The Thomistic Institute, The University of Oklahoma. September 2017.
- “The Compatibility of Neuroscience and the Soul.” The Thomistic Institute, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. March 2018.
- “What is a Soul and How Does It Relate to the Body.” FOCUS Summer Projects. July 2018
- “Apologetics in a Secular Age?” FOCUS Summer Projects. July 2018
- “The Other is a Good: The Evangelical Challenge of the Present.” Panel Discussion on Carron’s *Disarming Beauty*, The Church of the Ascension (Overland Park, Kansas), October 2017.
- “The Work of Art and the Possibility of Picturing the Transcendent,” The Spiritual Life Center Summer Theology Institute (Wichita Diocese), July 2017.
- “Wittgenstein’s Pessimism and Augustine’s Evangelical Optimism.” The Spiritual Life Center Summer Theology Institute (Wichita Diocese), July 2017.
- “The Work of Art and the Possibility of Picturing the Transcendent,” The University of Nebraska Newman Center, October 30, 2015
- “Natural Theology and the New Evangelization,” Conception Seminary, February 2015
- “Atheism, Theism, and the Possibility of Biological Naturalism.” Perennial Philosophy Lecture, Loras College, May 2009.
- “Christianity and Darwinism?” Central Missouri University, April 1, 2009.
- "Teleology Worth Having: A Critique of Intelligent Design." Ashland University, February 2006.
- "Teleology without Design" University of Indianapolis, February 2006.
- "A Reductivist Argument Against Naturalism." The University of St. Thomas, February 2004.
- "Leibniz's Critique of Occasionalism." Mount Saint Mary's College, February 2003.
- "From Creation Ex Nihilo to Omnipotence: A Modal Argument for Infinite Power in a Creator." The University of St. Thomas, October 2002.

Book Reviews

- “Review of *Personal Agency: The Metaphysics of Mind and Action*, by E. J. Lowe.” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 84, Issue 4 (Summer 2010).
- “Review of *The Agnostic Inquirer: Revelation from a Philosophical Standpoint*, by Sandra Menssen and Thomas Sullivan,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 85, Issue 3 (Fall 2011).
- “Review of *Leibniz’s Mill: A Challenge to Materialism*, by Charles Landesman,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* Vol. 86, Issue 2 (Summer 2012).
- “Review of *On Determining What There Is: The Identity of Ontological Categories in Aquinas, Scotus, and Lowe*, by Paul Symington.” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*. Vol. 87, Issue 4 (Fall 2013).
- “Review of *The Image in Mind*, by Charles Taliaferro and Jil Evens,” *The European Journal for the Philosophy of Religion*. (forthcoming)
- “Review of *The Knower and the Known: Physicalism, Dualism, and the Nature of Intelligibility*, by Stephen Parish.” *Faith and Philosophy*. (forthcoming)

Encyclopedia Articles

- “Mind Body Problem in Descartes,” *Gale Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
- “Physical,” *Gale Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (revision)
- “Rationalism,” *Gale Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (revision)
- “Intentionality,” *The New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2013: Ethics and Philosophy. Vol 2.* New York: Cengage Learning, 2013: 787-791. (co-authored with Henry B. Veatch)
- “Mind, The Philosophy of,” *The New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2013: Ethics and Philosophy. Vol. 3.* New York: Cengage Learning, 2013: 1004-1007

Conference Presentations

- “The Darkness of this Age: Wittgensteinian Pessimism, the Liberal Arts, and the New Evangelization.” Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization, Benedictine College, March, 2014
- “Physicalism and Hylomorphic Theories of Intentionality.” The Wake Forest Hylomorphism Seminar, Wake Forest University, June 5, 2013.
- “Compound Confusions: Recent Misunderstandings of Hylomorphism.” American Maritain Association Meeting, St. Vincent University, October 12, 2012.
- “Nature without Substance? On the Possibility of an Analytic Handmaiden for Theology.” American Maritain Association Meeting, St. Mary College, October 15, 2011.
- “Response to ‘Leibniz on Laws of Nature.’” American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis University, October 29, 2011.
- “Qualia and Constitution in *Body-Self Dualism*.” Symposium on *Body-Self Dualism in Contemporary Ethics and Politics* by Robert George and Patrick Lee. Annual Meeting of the American Maritain Association, October 16th, 2010.
- “Realism, Nominalism, and Biological Naturalism.” Society for Christian Philosophers Midwest Meeting, April 23-25, 2008.
- “A Counterfactual Analysis in Defense of Aquinas’ Inference of Omnipotence from Creation *Ex Nihilo*.” American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, October, 2005, Notre Dame.
- "The Irreducibility of the Concept of Purpose: *Fides et Ratio* and the Challenge of Scientism." American Maritain Association 2005 Annual Meeting, October 13, Washington, D.C.
- "Response to 'Suarez's Account of the Separated Soul,' by J. B. South." American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, November 5, 2004 in Miami, FL. (This session was cancelled.)
- "Leibniz and Malebranche on Teleology and the Intelligibility of Nature." American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, October 31, 2003, Houston, TX.
- “The New Design Argument and a 17th Century Defense.” Society for Christian Philosophers Mountain Plains Conference, October 2001.
- “Plato, the Godly Method and Particulars.” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy. October 2001. (This paper was accepted and scheduled, but I was unable to present due to a family emergency.)
- “Some Problems with *Nous* in Aristotle’s Account of Scientific Knowledge.” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, October 2000.

“Three Views of Moral Agency.” Wisconsin Philosophical Association Annual Conference. April 1996.

Grants and Awards

Benedictine College Distinguished Educator of the Year (2006)
Stipend to participate in the Benedictine College Faculty Great Books Seminar (2015, 2016, 2017)
Travel support and stipend for the Wake Forest Hylomorphism Seminar (Summer 2013)
Sabbatical Leave (Spring 2012, Spring 2018)
Summer Faith and Reason Faculty Seminar, Notre Dame University, July 2010
90th percentile nationally in the IDEA student evaluation each semester evaluated.
Grant for the University of Chicago Seminar on Darwinism (2002)
Purdue University Research Fellowship (2001-2002)
Kent State University Department of Philosophy Outstanding Masters Thesis (1998)
Saint Norbert College Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship in Philosophy (1996)
ABC Television College Football Scholar Athlete of the Week Award (1995)

Other Professional Academic Contributions

External Committee Member “A Therapeutic Model for Rehabilitating Conduct Disorder: A Twofold Approach of Implementing Virtue,” Kevin Kilcawley, Doctoral Dissertation, Institute for the Psychological Sciences
Frequent reviewer for The Catholic University of America Press
Frequent Reviewer for *Nova et Vetera*
Frequent reviewer for the *The Thomist*
Frequent reviewer for the *The American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*
Frequent reviewer for *Res Philosophica*
Program Committee, 78th Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association (2005)

Teaching Experience (Syllabi available upon request.)

Logic	Natural Theology
Philosophy of Nature	Philosophy of Religion
Philosophical Psychology	Seminar on Justice
Ethics	Seminar on Material Constitution
Advanced Logic	Seminar on McIntyre and Contemporary Natural Law Theory
Modal Logic	Seminar on the Philosophy of Language
Political Philosophy	Seminar on the Problem of Evil
Early Modern Philosophy	Seminar on Postmodernity
Modern Anglo-American Philosophy	Aesthetics
Medieval Philosophy	Annual Honors Seminar on Immortality
Metaphysics	

Academic Administration

Search Committees Philosophy, Theology, English, Engineering, and Art positions

Director of the St. Justin Martyr Institute (2011-2012)
North-Central Accreditation Criterion 4 Sub-Committee Chair (2007-2009)
Rank and Tenure Committee (2009-2012, Chair for fall 2012, 2015-2018)
Benedictine College Student Conduct Board (2004-present)
Freshman Advising Program (2007-2008)
Coordinator of Academic Enrichment, Benedictine College (2004-2006)
Freshmen Program Taskforce, Benedictine College (2006)
Special Advisory Committee to the President of Benedictine College (2006-2007)
Enrollment and Retention Committee, Benedictine College (2005-2005)
Grievance Committee, Benedictine College (2004-2005)
Academic Enrollment Advisor, Benedictine College (2004-2007)
Graduate Representative, Purdue Department of Philosophy (1999-2000)
Kent State University Graduate Student Conference Planning Committee (1996-1998)
President of Saint Norbert Undergraduate Philosophy Colloquium (1994-1996)

Community Service

Co-taught RCIA, St. Benedict's Parish
Certified NFP instructor, Benedictine College and St. Benedict's Parish (2004-present)
Co-founder and President of the Board for Atchison Pregnancy Help Center (2005-2010)
Certified Pre-Marriage Preparation teacher for the KCK Archdiocese (2006-present)

Affiliations

The American Catholic Philosophical Association

Academic References (More detailed contact information is available upon request.)

Matthew Levering, Ph.D., James N. and Mary D. Perry Jr. Chair of Theology at
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Father Thomas Joseph White, O.P, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology,
Dominican House of Studies (tjwhiteop@gmail.com)
Christopher Blum, Academic Dean, The Augustine Institute
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Jeffrey Brower, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophy, Purdue University
(brower@purdue.edu)
Steven Long, Professor of Theology, Ave Maria University (steven.long@avemaria.edu)
Patrick J. Toner, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophy, Wake Forest University
(tonerpj@wfu.edu)
Charles Taliaferro, Ph.D. Professor of Philosophy, St. Olaf College (tiafer@stolaf.edu)

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President of Madhouse, LLC: a fitness consulting and publication firm serving military personnel, law enforcement officers, and combat athletes; affiliated with Tactical Barbell