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### **Areas of Specialization**

Medieval philosophy, free will, philosophy of the human person

### **Areas of Competence**

Early modern philosophy, classical philosophy, ethics, natural philosophy

### **Education**

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Ph.D. in Philosophy, May 2010

“An Innovative Approach to *Liberum Arbitrium* in the Thirteenth Century”

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

M.A. in Philosophy, May 2006

“Divine Freedom in the Thought of Leibniz”

Thomas Aquinas College, Santa Paula, CA

B.A., Liberal Arts, May 2003

### **Teaching experience**

Benedictine College, Atchison, KS

Assistant Professor, Associate Professor (tenured), and Professor, Fall 2010 – present

Courses in philosophy of nature, ethics, logic, natural theology, ancient philosophy, early modern philosophy, history of free will, political philosophy, philosophy of human nature, business ethics.

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

School of Philosophy, Fall 2006 – Summer 2010

Courses in classical and modern philosophy, epistemology.

### **Publications**

“How Augustinian is Aquinas’s Basic Account of Free Decision?” *forthcoming* in *Nova et Vetera*.

“Interpreting Descartes Algebraically: The Case of Divine Freedom,” *The International Philosophical Quarterly* 61.2 (2021) 175-187.

“The Divine Goodness Could Be Manifest through Other Creatures and Another Order: The Source of Aquinas’s Convictions about Divine Freedom,” *The Thomist* 83.1 (2019) 1-29.

“What Is Freedom? An Instance of the Silence of St. Thomas,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 89.1 (2015) 27-46.

“The Sixth Method Doesn’t Work, but the Third Way Does?: Moses Maimonides’ Assessment of Two Proofs Based on Possibility and Necessity,” in *Maimonides on God and Duns Scotus on Logic and*

*Metaphysics* (volume 12 in the Proceedings of the Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics Series), Cambridge Scholars Press, 2015.

“Liber est Causa Sui” Thomas Aquinas and the Maxim “The Free is the Cause of Itself.” *The Review of Metaphysics* 65 (Dec. 2011) 351-376.

## Reviews

Review of *Retrieving Freedom: The Christian Appropriation of Classical Tradition*, by D.C. Schindler. *The Review of Metaphysics* 76.4 (June 2023), 769-771.

Review of *Human Action in Thomas Aquinas, John Duns Scotus, and William of Ockham*, by Thomas Osborne. *The Thomist* 82.2 (April 2018), 292-295.

Review of *Temporality and Trinity*, by Peter Manchester. *The Review of Metaphysics* 70.3 (March 2017), 571-572.

Review of *Neo-Scholastic Essays*, by Edward Feser. *The Review of Metaphysics* 69.3 (March 2016), 621-622.

Review of *One Body: An Essay in Christian Sexual Ethics*, by Alexander Pruss. *International Philosophical Quarterly* 54.1.213 (March 2014).

Review of *The Problem of Negligent Omission: Medieval Action Theories to the Rescue*, by Michael Barnwell. *The Thomist* 76.4 (Oct. 2012).

Review of *Augustine and Spinoza*, Milad Douheï. *The Review of Metaphysics* 65.2 (Dec. 2011), 419-421.

Review of *The Cambridge Companion to Spinoza's Ethics*, ed. Olli Koistinen. *The Review of Metaphysics* 64.2 (2010), 388-90.

Review of *Aquinas the Augustinian*, by M. Dauphinais, B. David, and M. Levering. *The Review of Metaphysics* 42.3 (2009), 652-3.

## Presentations

“Why Does Aquinas Think an Undetermined Divine Choice is Coherent?” presentation at the 52<sup>nd</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2017.

“The Sixth Method Doesn’t Work, but the Third Way Does? Maimonides on the Role of Possibility in Proving God’s Existence,” presentation at the Annual American Catholic Philosophical Association Conference, November 2013.

“Free Will – We Need It, But Is It Real?” LaCroix Philosophy Lecture at Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO, October 2013

“Is Aquinas’s Teleology Imposed from Outside?” presentation at the 48<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2013.

“Ut Rabbi Moyses Dicit: Thomas Aquinas and Moses Maimonides in Agreement,” presentation at the 47<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2012.

“Augustine, Thomas, and the Memory of Things Sensed,” presentation at the 46<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2011.

“The Textual Context of Thomas’s Account of Free Choice,” presentation at the 45th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2010.

**Languages**

Latin, French, some German

**Research Interests**

Medieval theories of human freedom, divine freedom in medieval and early modern thought, natural philosophy, medieval and classical psychology, political philosophy