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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- August 2026 – Associate Professor (*promotion approved and effective 8/20/2026*)
School of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America
- August 2016 – Assistant Professor
August 2026 School of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America
- August 2010 – Graduate Teaching Fellow
June 2016 Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh
- January 2016 – Adjunct Professor
May 2016 Department of Philosophy, Saint Vincent College

EDUCATION

- August 2009 – PhD, Philosophy (Joint Program in Classics, Philosophy, and Ancient Science)
August 2016 University of Pittsburgh
Dissertation: “Thinking Forms in Images: Aristotle on Intellectual Capacities, Activities, Virtues”
Committee: James Lennox (co-chair), John McDowell (co-chair),
James Allen, Kristen Inglis, and Sean Kelsey (external)
- August 2011 – MA, Classics (Ancient Greek; concurrent with and secondary to doctoral work in philosophy)
April 2014 University of Pittsburgh
Comprehensive Exam Paper: “Necessity and Probability in Aristotle’s *Poetics* Revisited”
Advisor and Exam Chair: Mae Smethurst
- August 2005 – BA: Honors Philosophy; Classics (Latin); Philosophy and Literature (*summa cum laude*)
May 2009 University of Notre Dame
Senior Thesis: “Aquinas, Kant, and the Cosmological Argument”
Director: John O’Callaghan

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Greek Philosophy and Science, Philosophy of Knowledge and Education, Philosophy of Human Nature

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ancient Greek Literature, Philosophy and Literature, Logic, Philosophy of Science and Nature, Moral Philosophy

ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

10. “The Inquisitive Animal: Aristotle on the Pleasant Work of Liberal Inquiry.”
[forthcoming in *A Body of Learning*, edited by Kevin Kambo and Christopher Petter, Bloomsbury]
9. “Aristotle on Intellectual Identity, Actual and Potential.” [forthcoming in *Thinking as Being in the History of Philosophy*, edited by Thérèse Scarpelli Cory, in the series *Studies in the History of Philosophy of Mind*. New York: Springer]
8. “*Ouden Kōluei*: Cebes, Socrates, and Aristotle on the Imperishability of the (Human) Soul.”
Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy 39 (2024): 1–41.
7. “What is the Most Divine Thing in Us? A Criterion for Interpreting Aristotle’s *De Anima* iii 4–5.”
(co-written with Sean Foley) *Review of Metaphysics* 78.3 (March 2025): 403–443.
6. “‘Education is Not Like Putting Sight into Blind Eyes’: Aristotelian Reflections on Cultivating Virtue in the *Republic*.”
In *Arete in Plato and Aristotle*, edited by R. M. Brown and J. R. Elliott, 137–64. Siracusa: Parnassos Press, 2022.
5. “Aristotle and Newman on the Concreteness of Theoretical Knowing.”
Newman Studies 18.1 (Summer 2021): 56–83.
4. “Discovering Parallels with Aristotle’s *De Anima* iii 5.”
Ancient Philosophy 39.2 (Fall 2019): 381–408.
3. “Aristotle on Learning How to Learn: Geometry as a Model for Philosophical Inquiry.”
In *Experiential Learning*, edited by A. Winters. *AAPT Studies in Pedagogy* 4 (2018): 35–60.
2. “Intended and Unintended Consequences: A Natural Distinction?”
In *G.E.M. Anscombe and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition*, edited by J. Mizzoni, P. Pegan, and G. Karabin, 83–116. Aston, PA: Neumann University Press, 2016.
1. “Aristotle’s Intellects, Now and Then.”
Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association 87 (2013): 127–43.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Aristotle’s Generation of Animals: A Critical Guide*, A. Falcon and D. Lefebvre, eds.
Journal of the History of Philosophy 57.3 (July 2019): 552–54.

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Aristotle on the Priority of Ἐνέργεια in Scientific Discovery and Spontaneous Generation”

“First Potentiality and the Possibility of Learning by Doing in Aristotle”

“Intellectual Agency and Activity in the Thought of Alexander of Aphrodisias”

“What is Intellectual Habituation in Aristotle?”

“‘Not Neglecting the Work at Hand’: The Asclepian Wisdom of Socrates’ Last Words”

An invited paper on the ninth book of Augustine’s *De Trinitate*, with emphasis on his aporetic method of inquiry

A book exploring the work of the agent or productive intellect in Aristotle (working title: *Aristotle’s Poetic Mind*)

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Senior Fellow, Institute for Human Ecology, Catholic University of America (2023–present)
Summer Writing and Research Grant, History of Philosophy Forum, University of Notre Dame (2023)
Provost’s Award for Teaching Excellence in Early Career Faculty, Catholic University of America (2023)
Faculty Fellow, Center for Teaching Excellence, Catholic University of America (2022)
Univ. Grant-in-Aid, “Aristotle on Learning and Scientific Discovery,” Catholic University of America (2017–18)
Achievement in Pedagogy Badge, Center for Instructional Development, University of Pittsburgh (2016)
Notable Student Paper Grant, “Aristotle 2400 Years” World Congress, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (2016)
Salmon Fund Travel Grant, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh (2016)
Mellon Fund Research and Travel Grant, Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh (2014, 2016)
Michael R. Bennett Essay Prize, Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh (2015)
Elizabeth Baranger Teaching Award, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pittsburgh (2015)
Arthur R. Anderson Research Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh (2012)
Lilly Graduate Fellowship in the Arts and Humanities (2009–13)
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, University of Notre Dame (Epsilon of Indiana) (2009)
John A. Oesterle Award for Excellence in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame (2009)
Harvard Book Prize Award, Harvard Club of the Research Triangle, Raleigh NC (2005)

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Instructor, School of Philosophy, Catholic University of America

PHIL 729: Aristotle’s <i>Posterior Analytics</i>	Sp. 19
PHIL 901: Aristotle on Intellect and Intellectual Virtue	F 17, Sp. 21, F 24
PHIL 902: Aristotle’s <i>Nicomachean</i> and <i>Eudemian Ethics</i>	F 22
PHIL 725: Aristotle and the Art of Making Distinctions	F 26

Undergraduate Instructor, School of Philosophy, Catholic University of America

PHIL 101P: Reasoning and Argumentation (Tucson Program)	Sp. 21
PHIL 301: Reasoning and Argumentation	Sp. 25
PHIL 302: Introductory Logic	F 19, Sp. 20, F 20, Sp. 21, Sp. 22, F 25, F 26
PHIL 351: Symbolic Logic	F 16, Sp. 17, F 17
PHIL 329: Philosophy of Science and Nature	Sp. 17, Sp. 18
PHIL 347: Justice, Education, and Leadership in Plato’s <i>Republic</i>	Sp. 23
PHIL 455: Junior Seminar (Plato’s <i>Republic</i> for philosophy majors)	Sp. 22, F 23, Sp. 25, Sp. 26, <i>Sp.</i> 27

Undergraduate Instructor, University Honors Program, Catholic University of America

HSPH 101: Honors Aristotelian Studium, The Desire to Know	F 22
HSPH 102: Honors Aristotelian Studium, The Pursuit of Happiness	Sp. 23, Sp. 26, <i>Sp.</i> 27
HSPH 203: Honors Aristotelian Studium, Nature & Human Nature	F 24, F 25
PHIL 211: The Classical Mind, Honors	F 16, F 17, F 18 (x2), F 19, F 20, F 23
PHIL 212: The Modern Mind, Honors	Sp. 17, Sp. 18, Sp. 19 (x2), Sp. 20, Sp. 21, Sp. 22, Sp. 24 (x2)

Undergraduate Instructor, Cornerstone Program, Catholic University of America

SAS 210: The Promises and Perils of Youth (1-credit colloquium)	F 24
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Summer Instructor, School of Philosophy, Catholic University of America

PHIL 201: The Classical Mind	Su. 19, Su. 20, Su. 21
PHIL 202: The Modern Mind	Su. 17, Su. 18, Su. 24
PHIL 301: Reasoning and Argumentation	Su. 19, Su. 20, Su. 21, Su. 22, Su. 23, Su. 24
PHIL 347: Justice, Education, and Leadership in Plato's <i>Republic</i>	Su. 22

Undergraduate Instructor, Saint Vincent College

PHIL 101: First Philosophy	Sp. 16
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Undergraduate Instructor, University of Pittsburgh

PHIL 0010: Concepts of Human Nature	Sp. 15, Sp. 16, Su. 16
PHIL 0200: History of Ancient Philosophy	Su. 15

Undergraduate TA and Recitation Instructor, University of Pittsburgh

PHIL 0010: Concepts of Human Nature	F 10 (x3)
PHIL 0200: Ancient Philosophy	Sp. 13 (x3)
PHIL 0202: Ancient Philosophy (Writing Intensive)	F 14 (x2)
PHIL 0440: Minds and Machines	Sp. 11 (x3)
PHIL 0500: Introduction to Logic	F 15 (x3)

THESIS & DISSERTATION ADVISING

PhD Dissertation Director

- Alexandre Winston, "On the Apprehension of Time in Aristotle" (defended 2024)
Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Philosophy and Religion, Hillsdale College
- Brian Killackey, "Knowing and Thinking We Know: Awareness of Ἐπιστήμη in Aristotle" (defended 2026)
Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Philosophy, Belmont Abbey College
- Joseph Gazaille, "The Necessity and Peril of *Mythos* for Moral Education in Plato's *Republic* 8–9" (in progress)

PhD Dissertation Reader

- Benjamin Block, "Aquinas on How We Know Essences: Formation and Perfection of Concepts" (def. 2019)
- Jessica Jones, "Recollection and the Cultivation of Virtue in Plato's Meno, Phaedo, and Phaedrus (def. 2023)
- Robert Gervasini, "A Unified Account of Pathos and Logos in Aristotle's *Rhetoric*" (defended 2024)
- Logan Weir, "Thomas Aquinas on Desire for the Ultimate End" (defended 2025)
- Elisabeth Parish, "A New Neo-Aristotelian Theory of Matter and Form" (defended 2025)
- Marcela Duque, "Iconic Thinking in Plato's *Phaedrus*" (defended 2025)
- Peter Haskett, "Formal Causality in Aristotelian Science" (in progress)
- Conor Stark, "Metaphysics of Intelligibility in Aquinas in Light of His Greek, Latin, Arabic Sources" (in prog.)

MA/PhL Thesis Director

- Brian Killackey, "Hunting for Causes: Aristotle on Pursuing, Professing, Possessing Scientific Knowledge" (2020)
- Mitchell Carson, "The Necessary and Necessarily Limited Role of Perception in Aristotle" (2021)
- Sophy Schulman, "From Perception to *Poiēsis*: On the Work of Aristotle's *Kritikon*" (2022)
- Nicholas Walz, "The Organic Grammar of Organic Analogy: An Inquiry into De Anima 3.8" (in progress)

MA/PhL Thesis Reader

- Daniel Martin, “Metaphysical Gaps and Teleological Blending: Two Challenges in Aristotle’s Economics” (2017)
Alexandre Winston, “The Time of Sensation in *de Anima* II.5 from the Perspective of *Physics* IV.10–14” (2018)
Robert Gervasini, “Understanding Hylomorphism in the Activity of ἄισθησις in Aristotle’s *De Anima*” (2018)
Philip Knuffke, “On the Distinction and Order of the Definitions of the Soul in *De Anima* 2.1 and 2.2” (2020)
Monica Burke, “Yves Simon on the Relationship Between Liberty and Authority” (2021)
Genevieve Frank, “Promulgating the Unwritten Law: Civic Education in Plato’s *Laws*” (2021)
Joseph Gazaille, “*Eros*, Recollection, and Virtue in Socrates’s Palinode in Plato’s *Phaedrus*” (2022)

Senior Thesis Advisor

- John Paul Abela, “The Role of *Erōs* in Dialectical Instruction and Rhetorical Persuasion” (2026)
(toward a 2nd Major in Classical Studies, Department of Ancient and Medieval Languages and Cultures)

WORKING GROUPS

Ancient Greek Reading Group (School of Philosophy)

Aristotle’s <i>Metaphysics</i> Θ	Fall 2026 (planned)	(chair)
Plato’s <i>Timaeus</i>	Spring 2026	(chair)
Aristotle’s <i>Physics</i> VII–VIII	Fall 2025	(chair)
Plato’s <i>Republic</i> VI–VII	Spring 2023	(chair)
Aristotle’s <i>Eudemian Ethics</i> V (i.e. <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> VI)	Fall 2022	(chair)
Aristotle’s <i>Topics</i> I	Summer–Fall 2020	(chair)
Plotinus’s <i>Ennead</i> I.1	Spring 2019	(chaired by M. Vorwerk)
Plato’s <i>Crito</i>	Fall 2018	(chaired by M. Vorwerk)
Plato’s <i>Critias</i>	Spring 2018	(chaired by M. Vorwerk)
Aristotle’s <i>Poetics</i>	Fall 2017	(chaired by M. Vorwerk)

Philosophers and Poets Reading Group (Catholic University)

Plato’s <i>Timaeus</i>	Spring 2026	(chair)
Homer’s <i>Odyssey</i>	Fall 2022–Spring 2023	(chair)
Aeschylus’s <i>Oresteia</i>	January 2021	(chair)

SERVICE

ALL ACADEMIC YEARS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Catholic University

Member, Grant Steering Committee, Cultivating Virtue Project	(2024–present)
Faculty Co-Moderator, Provost’s Extended Orientation for New Faculty	(2021, 2024–25)
Faculty Consultant, Center for the Transformation of Catholic Education	(2022)
Faculty Consultant, “Scholarship in Service to Church and Nation” Provost’s Report	(2018)

School of Philosophy (Catholic University)

Chair, Foreign Language Examination Committee	(2025–present)
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee	(Jan. 2020–present)
Senior Comprehensive Examination Committee	(2016–present)
Undergraduate Academic Advisor / Advising Committee	(2017–present)
Undergraduate Outcomes Assessment Committee	(2024–present)
Graduate Placement Committee	(2017–2025)

Graduate Reading List Examination Committee (List I)	(2021–2024)
Foreign Language Examination Committee (Greek)	(2016–20, 21–23)
Foreign Language Examination Committee (French)	(2022–23)
Library Committee	(2016–19, 2021–22)
Graduate Pro-Seminar Committee	(2018–2021)

Advisor to Student Groups (Catholic University)

ΦΣΤ Philosophy Honor Society	(2017–2022)
Undergraduate Philosophy Club	(2017–2022)

University of Pittsburgh

Co-Founder, Undergrad Philosophy Mentoring Program	(2016)
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Journal Referee

<i>American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly</i>	<i>Newman Studies Journal</i>
<i>Ancient Philosophy</i>	<i>Res Philosophica</i>
<i>Epoché</i>	<i>Review of Metaphysics</i>
<i>Journal of the History of Philosophy</i>	<i>The Thomist</i>

Philosophy MA/PhL Oral Exam Committees

Christopher Fencl (2017)	Sean Neville (2021)
Kristina Hanning (2018)	Marco Cerritelli (2021)
James Hawkins (2018)	Austin Carlman (2021)
Ryan Miller (2018)	Genevieve Frank (2021)
Alexandre Winston (2018)	Monica Burke (2021)
Robert Gervasini (2018)	Joseph Gazaille (2022)
Fr. Daniel Martin (2018)	Sophy Schulman (2022)
Timothy Anderson (2019)	Miriam Pritschet (2023)
Michael Lachimia (2019)	Patrick Sweeney (2024)
Jonathan Pham (2020)	Mathias Bishop (2026)
Brian Killackey (2020)	Nicholas Broussard (2026)
Philip Knuffke (2020)	Anna Forgét (2026)
Mitchell Carson (2021)	

ASSOCIATIONS

Academy of Catholic Theology
American Association of Philosophy Teachers
American Catholic Philosophical Association
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy

PERSONAL

Citizenship: United States of America
Residence: Cottage City, Maryland

OTHER AWARDS

Eagle Scout Award, Boy Scouts of America (2003)

“Aristotle on the Priority of Ἐνέργεια: Exploring the Curious Cases of Discovery and Spontaneous Generation”

- 5th Annual Bethany Workshop, University of Notre Dame (May 2026)*
- Annual Conference, American Catholic Philosophical Assoc., Panel on Agency and Subjectivity (Nov. 2025)
- Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame (Nov. 2019)*
- Classics, Philosophy, and Ancient Science Program, University of Pittsburgh (Nov. 2018)*
- “Williamstown Revisited,” Anniversary Conference on Aristotle’s Biology, Williams College (July 2018)*
- 11th Annual London Ancient Science Conference, University College London (Feb. 2017)

“Aristotle on the Practice of Scientific Inquiry”

- “Towards a Practical Philosophy of Science,” Pontifical University of St. Thomas (Angelicum) (Mar. 2026)*

“Image-Making and Imitative Reflection in Plato’s *Republic*”

- 4th Annual Bethany Workshop, Providence College (June 2025)*
- 5th Annual Deely-Maritain Lecture, The Deely Project, Saint Vincent College (Mar. 2025)*

“All Rational Inquiry is Faith Seeking Understanding”

- Lacordaire Fellows Seminar, Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies, Providence College (Apr. 2025)*
- Spring Lecture, Phi Eta Sigma Chapter, Catholic University of America (Apr. 2025)*
- Spring Lecture and Symposium, Saint Jerome Institute High School (Washington, DC) (Jan. 2023)*

“The Promises and Perils of Growing Up: Philosophical Reflections on *The Little Prince*”

- Albert the Great Symposium, Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies, Providence College (Apr. 2025)*
- Spring Faculty Lecture, Cornerstone Program, Catholic University of America (Jan. 2024)*

“Myth in the Educational Program(s) of Plato’s *Republic*”

- Annual Deely Undergraduate Seminars, The Deely Project, Saint Vincent College (March 2025)*

“Restless Freedom: The Dynamic Practices of Liberal Inquiry”

- Annual Conference, American Catholic Philosophical Association, Panel on Liberal Education (Nov. 2024)

“Intellectual Agency and Activity in the Thought of Alexander of Aphrodisias”

- “Knowledge, *Nous*, Noetics,” 18th Annual Summer Aristotle Workshop, Marquette University (June 2024)

“Aristotle on Theoretical Production,” “Aristotle on the Poetry of Science,” “Representing and Intervening in A”

- Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto (Mar. 2024)*
- Humanities Forum Lecture Series, Humanities Program, Providence College (Mar. 2022)*
- Spring Lecture Series, School of Philosophy, Catholic University of America (Jan. 2022)*
- “Idealization and Modeling in Science and the Aristotelian Tradition,” Angelicum (Oct. 2021)*

“Making and Becoming All Things: Aristotle on the Human Intellect in *De Anima* III.3–8”

- Aristotle’s *De Anima* Seminar, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto (Mar. 2024)*
- Aristotle’s *De Anima* Seminar, Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh (Apr. 2017)*

“*Ouden Kōluei*: Socrates, Cebes, and Aristotle on the Incorruptibility of the Soul”

- 45th Annual Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Assumption University (Nov. 2023)*
- “Plato and Platonism in Aristotle,” 14th Annual Summer Aristotle Workshop, Marquette Univ. (June 2019)
- “Aristotle as Critic of Plato,” Inaugural Conference, Canadian Aristotle Society, Dominican Uni. (May 2018)

“Images and Myth in Plato’s *Phaedo*”

- Student Seminar, 45th Annual Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Assumption (Nov. 2023)*

“Aristotle on Induction, Abstraction and Experience”

- Annual Meeting, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Online Symposium (Nov. 2023)*

“Recognizing Aristotle’s Potential: First Potentiality and the Possibility of Learning by Doing”

- 2nd Annual Humanistic Philosophy [Bethany] Workshop, University of Notre Dame (June 2023)*

“‘Fitting Concepts to Experience’: Aristotle (and Geach) on *Phantasmata* as Tools for Thinking”

- “Modeling, Idealization, and Truth,” Pontifical University of St. Thomas (Angelicum) (Feb. 2023)*
- “Epistemic Agents,” Annual Conference, Canadian Society for Epistemology, U. de Montréal (Nov. 2017)

“Aristotle on Intellectual Identity, Actual and Potential”

- “Cognizing as Being in the History of Philosophy,” University of Notre Dame (Apr. 2023)*
- Annual Meeting, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Christopher Newport University (Oct. 2018)

“‘Not Neglecting the Work at Hand’: The Asclepian Wisdom of Socrates’ Last Words”

- 1st Annual Humanistic Philosophy [Bethany] Workshop, Providence College (June 2022)*
- Annual Meeting, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University (Oct. 2015)

“What is the Most Divine Thing in Us? A Criterion for Interpreting *De Anima* III.4–5” (with Sean Foley)

- Annual Meeting [online sessions], Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (Nov. 2021)

“‘Education is Not Like Putting Sight into Blind Eyes’: Aristotelian Reflections on Virtue in *Republic* 518b–519a”

- *Aretē*, 6th Annual Symposium on the Heritage of Western Greece (Siracusa, Sicily) (July 2021)

“Dianoetic Cognition and Dianoetic Learning: The First Principle in Aristotle’s *Posterior Analytics*”

- Department of Philosophy, University of Navarra (Mar. 2020)*
- “Theories of Cognition in the Aristotelian Tradition,” 4th Annual Conf., Notre Dame in London (Oct. 2019)
- 42nd Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Trinity University (Mar. 2019)
- Keynote, “Cognition,” Annual Philosophy Graduate Conf., Catholic University of America (Apr. 2018)*

“Aristotle and Newman on *Logos*, Empty and Incarnate”

- “I Have Called You Friends,” 20th Annual Conf., Center for Ethics and Culture, Notre Dame (Nov. 2019)
- “Newman and Holiness,” Fall Symposium, National Institute for Newman Studies (Pittsburgh) (Oct. 2019)

“Cognitive Capacities and States in Aristotle’s *Posterior Analytics* B.19”

- “Dialectic and Analytics in the Aristotelian Tradition,” 2nd Annual Conf., Providence College (Oct. 2017)
- Department of Philosophy, Assumption College (Feb. 2016)*
- “Aristotle 2400 Years,” World Congress, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (May 2016)
- “Aristotle: A Birthday Party,” 39th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Rice University (Feb. 2016)

“Active Thinking, Active Mind: Discovering Parallels with Aristotle’s *de Anima* III.5”

- Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago (Jan. 2016)*
- School of Philosophy, Catholic University of America (Jan. 2016)*
- Aristotle’s *de Anima* Seminar, Department of Classics, Pacific Lutheran University (Nov. 2015) (Skype)*
- Aristotle’s *de Anima* Seminar, Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame (Nov. 2015)*

“Cave-Dwellers and Underground Men: Freedom and Bondage in Dostoevsky and Plato”

- “For Freedom Set Free,” 16th Annual Conference, Center for Ethics and Culture, Notre Dame (Nov. 2015)

“Aristotelian Inquiry, Universal to Particular”

- “Aristotle on Intellectual Virtue,” Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Pittsburgh (Apr. 2015)*

“Contemplating in Order to Learn: Some Proposals for Prior Intellectual Activity”

- “Aristotle on Teleology,” 36th Annual Baker Colloquium, University of Dayton (Apr. 2015)

“Aristotle on *Dunamis*, *Hexis*, *Energeia*: Rethinking the “Triple Scheme””

- Annual Meeting, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University (Oct. 2014)

“Is Aristotle *Actually* a Color Realist? Some Remarks on *de Anima* III.2”

- 5th Annual Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Workshop, Washington and Jefferson College (Sept. 2014)

“Aristotle’s Conflicted Mind: The Mimetic and Poetic in Tension”

- “Impression and Object,” Annual Critical Theory Conference, CUNY Graduate Center (Mar. 2014)

“What Does Active *Nous* Activate?”

- Lexington Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Kentucky and Transylvania U. (Mar. 2014)
- 2nd Annual Conference, Pennsylvania Circle of Ancient Philosophy, Villanova University (Mar. 2014)

“Intended and Unintended Consequences: A Natural Distinction?”

- “Anscombe and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition,” Conference at Neumann University (Mar. 2014)

“Aristotle’s Intellects, Now and Then”

- “Aristotle, Now and Then,” Annual Conference, American Catholic Philosophical Association (Nov. 2013)

“How Not to Think About Double Effect”

- “Aquinas on Freedom and Virtue,” 3rd Thomistic Workshop, Mount Saint Mary College (June 2013)*

“Theism as Morality’s Foundation or Framework? A Plea for Distinctions”

- “Must Morality Be Grounded in God?” 13th Annual Philosophy Conf., Franciscan University (Apr. 2013)

“Thomistic Virtues and Vices: Avoiding Excess and Defect in Reading Aquinas”

- “Radical Emancipation,” 12th Annual Conference, Center for Ethics and Culture, Notre Dame (Nov. 2011)

“In Him We Live, and Move, and Have Our Being”

- “Younger than Sin,” 11th Annual Conference, Center for Ethics and Culture, Notre Dame (Nov. 2010)

“Aquinas, Kant, and the Cosmological Argument”

- Annual Undergraduate Scholars Conference, University of Notre Dame (May 2009)

OUTREACH & OTHER PRESENTATIONS

ALL BY INVITATION UNLESS INDICATED

“Socrates and the Courage to Seek the Truth”

- Presentation to the Sixth Grade Class, Saint Jerome Academy (Hyattsville, MD) (May 2026)

“Virtue, Habits and Practices”

- Summer Workshop, Cultivating Virtue Grant, Catholic University of America (May 2026)
- Summer Workshop, Cultivating Virtue Grant, Catholic University of America (May 2025)

“An Introduction to Mathematical Themes in Plato’s *Timaeus*” (with Peter Ulrickson, Mathematics)

- Philosophers and Poets Series, School of Philosophy, Catholic University of America (Apr. 2026)

“A Brief Introduction to Aristotle’s Poetic Mind”

- Faculty Lecture Series, Philosophy Club, Catholic University of America (Apr. 2026)
- Guest Presentation, *De Anima* Seminar, School of Philosophy, Catholic University of America (Apr. 2026)
- Faculty Presentation, School of Philosophy Working Group, Catholic University of America (Sept. 2026)

“Can We Have Faith in Science?”

- Thomistic Institute Speaker Series, John’s Hopkins (Apr. 2026)
- Thomistic Institute Speaker Series, Cornell University (Sept. 2023)

“On the Intellectual Virtues”

- Guest Presentation, Busch School of Business, Catholic University of America (Dec. 2025)

“Life, Death, and the Soul in Plato’s *Phaedo*”

- Student Reading Seminar, Thomistic Institute, University of Wisconsin, Madison (Sept. 2025)
- Student Reading Seminar, Thomistic Institute, University of South Carolina (Apr. 2022)

“Why Would a Biologist Believe in the Soul?”

- Thomistic Institute Speaker Series, University of Wisconsin, Madison (Sept. 2025, Mar. 2022)
- Thomistic Institute Speaker Series, Michigan State University (Feb. 2025)
- Thomistic Institute Speaker Series, University of Texas, Austin (Dec. 2024)
- Thomistic Institute Speaker Series, Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) (Sept. 2023)
- Thomistic Institute Speaker Series, University of Indiana, Bloomington (Apr. 2023)
- Thomistic Institute Speaker Series, University of Maryland, College Park (Apr. 2023 & Nov. 2017)
- Thomistic Institute Speaker Series, University of South Carolina (Apr. 2022)
- Thomistic Institute Speaker Series, Brown University (Mar. 2022)

- Faculty Lecture Series, Philosophy Club, Catholic University of America (Sept. 2019)
- Thomistic Institute Speaker Series, University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) (Apr. 2019)

Organizer and Faculty Panelist, School of Philosophy and/or University Honors Program, Catholic University

- *Groundhog Day* (1993), Screening with Discussion (Mar. 2024)
- *Hero* (2002), Screening with Discussion (Dec. 2023)
- *The Little Prince* (2015), Screening with Discussion (Sept. 2022)
- *Batman Begins* (2005), Screening with Discussion (Jan. 2022)
- *The Prestige* (2006), Screening with Discussion (Mar. 2021)
- *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* (1962), Screening and Faculty Panel (Mar. 2019)
- *Richard III* (1995), Screening and Faculty Panel (Feb. 2019)
- *Henry V* (1989), Screening and Faculty Panel (Dec. 2018)
- *The Sunset Limited* (2011), Screening and Faculty Panel (Apr. 2017)

Senior Capstone Seminar Guest Presentations, University Honors Program, Catholic University of America

- “Nature, Art, and their Relation in Ancient Greek Philosophy and Literature” (Jan. 2024)
- “Human and Animal Souls in Ancient Greek Philosophy and Literature” (Jan. 2022)
- “Heroes and Villains in Ancient Greek Tragedy and Philosophy” (Feb. 2021)
- “Ancient Utopias: Atlantis, Kallipolis, and the Golden Age of Man” (Jan. 2020)
- “Winners and Losers in Plato’s *Republic* and Thucydides’ *History of the Peloponnesian War*” (Jan. 2019)

Discussion of Shakespeare’s *King Lear* (performance by Shakespeare Theater Company)

- Faculty Panelist, English Department, Catholic University of America (Mar. 2023)

“Practicing for Death: Socrates on the Soul in Living the Good Life”

- Thomistic Institute Intellectual Retreat, U. of Virginia Chapter, Dominican House of Studies (Oct. 2022)

“Biology and the Soul: Aristotle on the Soul as the Principle of Life”

- Thomistic Institute Intellectual Retreat, U. of Virginia Chapter, Dominican House of Studies (Oct. 2022)

“Interdisciplinary Strategies for Foundational Courses”

- Organizer and Workshop Presenter, Center for Teaching Excellence, Catholic University of America
 - “Awakening Wonder in Foundational Courses” (Aug. 2022)
 - “What is the Socratic Method *Really?*” (Sept. 2022)
 - “Unlocking the Canon with Contemporary Music and Film” (Sept. 2022)

“Aristotle on the Virtues of Leadership, Concretely Considered”

- Faculty Lecture Series, Student Government Association, Catholic University of America (Sept. 2022)

Discussion of Shakespeare’s *The Merchant of Venice* (performance by Shakespeare Theater Company)

- Organizer and Faculty Panelist, Institute for Human Ecology, Catholic University of America (Mar. 2022)

“Between Iconoclasm and Idolatry: Reflections on Plato’s Use of Images in Education”

- Faculty Development Workshop, Saint Jerome Academy (Hyattsville, MD) (Aug. 2021)

- “The Asclepian Wisdom of Socrates in the Time of the Coronavirus”
 - Faculty Lecture Series, Philosophy Club, Catholic University of America (April 2020)

- “Honor, Courage, and Commitment in Ancient Greek Moral Thought”
 - Navy ROTC Leadership Speaker Series, George Washington U. (DC-area, includes Catholic U.) (Feb. 2020)

- “Reflections on the Natural Virtue of Religion”
 - Encounter the Spirit Lecture Series, Office of Campus Ministry, Catholic University of America (Jan. 2020)

- “Revelation, Contradiction, and Death at the Close of Epiphanytide”
 - Academic Reflection at Solemn Vespers, Medieval Society, Catholic University of America (Feb. 2019)

- “Navigating Faith and Science in Debates about Abortion”
 - Intellectual Formation Lecture Series, Cardinals for Life, Catholic University of America (Jan. 2019)

- “Clubs, Cliques, and Deeply Held Commitments in Academic Life”
 - Faculty Lecture Series, Philosophy Club, Catholic University of America (Sept. 2018)

- “Strategies for an Effective Year-Long Introduction to Philosophy”
 - Biennial Conference, American Association of Philosophy Teachers, NC A&T State Univ. (July 2018)

- “Growing Up but Not Forgetting: On Achieving and Maintaining the Heart of a Freshman”
 - First Year Experience Lecture Series, Catholic University of America (Feb. 2017)

- “Freedom and Human Action: Philosophical Background of the Christian Moral Life”
 - Guest Presentation, RCIA Program, Saint Thomas More Catholic Church (Bethel Park, PA) (Jan. 2016)

- “Aristotle and Aquinas on the Soul”
 - Guest Seminar Leader, Epistemology Reading Group, Ryan Newman Student Center (Pittsburgh, PA)
 - “Aristotle’s *de Anima* and Aquinas’s *Treatise on Human Nature*: An Introduction” (Sept. 2015)
 - “Aristotle and Aquinas on the Incorruptibility of the Soul” (Oct. 2015)
 - “Aristotle and Aquinas on Intellectual Capacities, Activities, and Virtues” (Dec. 2015)

- “Active Thinking, Active Mind: Discovering Parallels with Aristotle’s *de Anima* III.5”
 - Philosophy Lecture Series, Philosophy Club, University of Pittsburgh (Nov. 2015)

- “Developing Reading, Writing, and Speaking Skills *Together*”
 - Guest Presentation, Teaching Philosophy Grad Seminar, Dept. of Philosophy, U. of Pittsburgh (Oct. 2015)

- “The Existence of God and the Soul: Philosophical Background of Christian Doctrine”
 - Guest Presentation, RCIA Program, Saint Thomas More Catholic Church (Bethel Park, PA) (Sept. 2015)

- “Two Kinds of Life Activities: Aryeh Kosman versus Stephen Covey on ‘Sharpening the Saw’”
 - Young Professionals Program, National Eagle Scout Association, Laurel Highlands Council (May 2015)

“Thinking Forms in Images: An Aristotelian Insight on the Socratic Method”

- Guest Presentation, Teaching Philosophy Grad Seminar, Dept. of Philosophy, U. of Pittsburgh (Sept. 2014)
- Biennial Conference, American Association of Philosophy Teachers, St. John’s University (Aug. 2014)

“McDowell and the Myth of the Given: A Reappraisal”

- Philosophy Lecture Series, Philosophy Club, University of Pittsburgh (Nov. 2012)

“Learning to Lead by Leading: An Aristotelian View of How Youth Leaders Develop”

- College of Commissioner Science, Laurel Highlands Council, Boy Scouts of America (Nov. 2012)

“Twilight,”

- Sycamore Trust Panel, Alumni Reunion Weekend, University of Notre Dame (June 2009)

“Socrates and the Examined Life,”

- Alumnus Graduation Speech, Pleasant Union Elementary (Raleigh, NC) (June 2008)

“Who Moves the World?”

- Commencement Valediction, Leesville Road High School, (Raleigh, NC) (May 2005)

COMMENTS

ALL BY INVITATION

“On the Possibility of Theoretical Crafts, Makings, or *Poïeseis*: A Comment on Teh”

- “Hylomorphism & Contemporary Science,” Biennial Henle Conference, Saint Louis University (Mar. 2024)

“Identifying and Distinguishing Powers: A Comment on Cartwright”

- “Idealization and Modeling in Science and the Aristotelian Tradition,” *Angelicum* (Oct. 2021)

“Aristotle on Becoming Convinced: A Comment on McCready-Flora”

- Annual Meeting, Central Division of the American Philosophical Association (Feb. 2020)

“The Necessity of Subjective Shallowness: A Comment on Hasselberger”

- “Being Human in the Age of the Brain,” Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, U. Virginia (Feb. 2020)

“Ontology versus Ousiology: A Comment on Humphreys”

- 3rd Annual Conference, Pennsylvania Circle of Ancient Philosophy, Penn State University (Apr. 2015)

“(Dis)Analogies Between Perception and *Nous*: A Comment on Vasiliou”

- “Aristotle’s *de Anima*,” Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Pittsburgh (Apr. 2013)

OTHER CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

ALL AS A PARTICIPANT

“Beauty at Work: An International Symposium,” Catholic University of America (May 2023)
“Aquinas on the Soul,” 11th Annual Thomistic Workshop, Dominican House of Studies (May 2022)
“Robust and Receptive Ecumenism,” 28th Annual Conf., Lilly Fellows Program, Hope College (Oct. 2018)
Biennial Teaching and Learning Seminar, American Assoc. of Philosophy Teachers, NC A&T State (July 2018)
“Investigating Life,” James Lennox Retirement Conference, University of Pittsburgh (April 2018)
Allan Gotthelf Memorial Workshop on Aristotle, University of Pittsburgh (Oct. 2015)
Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Notre Dame (May 2015)
“Faith and Academic Freedom in Civic Virtue,” 23rd Annual Conference, Lilly Fellows, U. of Scranton (Oct. 2013)
Lilly Graduate Fellows Program Summer Seminars, St. John’s University (Collegeville, MN) (Aug. 2012),
University of Dayton (May 2011), Calvin College (Aug. 2010), Indianapolis, IN (Aug. 2009)
“Aquinas and Mind/Body Problem,” 2nd Annual Thomistic Workshop, Mount Saint Mary College (June 2012)
“Aristotle on Discovery and Justification,” Pitt/UNC Ancient Philosophy Workshop, U of Pittsburgh (Mar. 2012)
“Aquinas and Geach,” 6th Annual Thomistic Seminar, Witherspoon Institute, Princeton University (Aug. 2011)
“Aquinas and Contemporary Philosophy,” 1st Annual Thomistic Workshop, Mount Saint Mary College (June 2011)
Arts and Humanities Seminar Summer, Erasmus Institute, University of Notre Dame (June 2009)