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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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| August 2016 –
Present | Assistant Professor, School of Philosophy
The Catholic University of America |
| August 2010 –
June 2016 | Graduate Teaching Fellow, Department of Philosophy
University of Pittsburgh |
| January 2016 –
May 2016 | Adjunct Professor, Department of Philosophy
St. Vincent College |

EDUCATION

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

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Philosophy and Science, Philosophy of Knowledge

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Science and Nature, Philosophy of Human Nature, Logic, Philosophy and Literature

PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES

1. “Discovering Parallels with Aristotle’s *De Anima* III.5” *Ancient Philosophy* 39, no. 2 (Fall 2019): 381-408.
2. “Aristotle on Learning How to Learn: Geometry as a Model for Philosophical Pedagogy” in *AAPT Studies in Pedagogy* Vol. IV: Experiential Learning, Andrew Winters ed. (2018): 35-60.
3. “Intended and Unintended Consequences: A Natural Distinction?” in *G.E.M. Anscombe and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition*, John Mizzoni, Philip Pegan, and Geoffrey Karabin eds. (2016): 83-116.
4. “Aristotle’s Intellects Now and Then,” *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 87, *Aristotle Now and Then*, R. Edward Houser ed. (2013): 127-143.

PUBLICATIONS: REVIEWS

1. Book Review of *Aristotle's Generation of Animals: A Critical Guide*, Falcon and Lefebvre eds., *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 57, no. 3 (July 2019): 552-554.

PUBLICATIONS: UNDER CONTRACT

1. "Aristotle's *Physics*," extended introductory guide for *The Macat Library* (accepted but delayed due to series revision)

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW AND REVISION

TITLES WITHHELD FOR BLIND REVIEW

- A paper examining Aristotelian themes in John Henry Newman's epistemology and philosophical anthropology (R&R)
- A paper on the relationship between habituation, habits, and intellectual activity in Aristotle
- A paper on Aristotle's account of knowledge and learning, drawing connections with his metaphysics and psychology
- Another paper on Aristotle's account of knowledge and learning, drawing connections with his logic and ethics
- A paper on the relationship between the stages of actuality and potentiality in Aristotle and intellectual development

PAPERS IN PREPARATION

- A paper examining arguments for the incorruptibility of the (human) soul in Plato and Aristotle
- A paper offering a new interpretation of Socrates' last words
- A note on faulty reconstructions--without existential import--of syllogistic reasoning in *Posterior Analytics* A.33

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- University 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 Honors Society, University of Notre Dame (2009)
- John Oesterle Award for Excellence in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame (2009)
- Harvard Book Prize Award, Harvard Club of the Research Triangle, Raleigh NC (2005)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

*BY INVITATION

- "Education is not Like Sight into Blind Eyes': Plato on the Cultivation of Virtue and its Kinds in Republic 518b-519c"
 - o "ἀρετή," 6th Annual Symposium on the Heritage of Western Greece, Siracusa, Italy (June 2021 Due to Covid)
- "Aristotle on Origins of Knowledge and Life: Exploring the Curious Cases of Discovery and Spontaneous Generation"
 - o Department of Philosophy, University of Navarra (Invited for March 2020; Talk Now Delayed Due to Covid)*
 - o Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame (Nov. 2019)*
 - o Classics, Philosophy, and Ancient Science Program Lecture Series, University of Pittsburgh (Nov. 2018)*
 - o "Williamstown Revisited," Anniversary Conference on Aristotle's Biology, Williams College (July 2018)*
 - o 11th Annual London Ancient Science Conference, University College London (Feb. 2017)
- "Dianoetic Cognition and Dianoetic Learning: The First Principle in Aristotle's *Posterior Analytics*"
 - o Department of Philosophy, University of Navarra (Mar. 2020)*
 - o "Theories of Cognition in the Aristotelian Tradition," 4th Annual Conference, Notre Dame--London (Oct. 2019)
 - o 42nd Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Trinity University (Mar. 2019)
 - o Keynote, "Cognition," Annual Philosophy Graduate Conference, Catholic University of America (Apr. 2018)*

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

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

“οὐδὲν κωλύει: Socrates, Cebes, and Aristotle on the Incorruptibility of the Soul”

- “Plato and Platonism in Aristotle,” 14th Annual Summer Conference, Marquette University (June 2019)
- “Aristotle as Critic of Plato,” Inaugural Conference, Canadian Aristotle Society, Dominican Univ. (May 2018)

“Aristotle on Intellectual Identity, Actual and Potential: A Note on *De Anima* III.4 429b5-9”

- 36th Annual Meeting, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Christopher Newport University (Oct. 2018)

“Fitting Concepts to Experience: Aristotle and Geach on Intellectual Agency”

- “Epistemic Agents,” Annual Conference, Canadian Society for Epistemology, U. de Montréal (Nov. 2017)

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

- “Dialectic and Analytics in the Aristotelian Tradition,” 2nd Annual Conference, 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)

“‘Of Deities or Mortals, or of Both’: Aristotle on (Theoretical) Intellect in *de Anima* III.3-8”

- Aristotle’s *de Anima* Seminar, Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh (Apr. 2017)*

“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)

“Not Neglecting the Work at Hand’: A Note on Socrates’ Debt to Asclepius”

- 33rd Annual Meeting, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University (Oct. 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*, *Energieia*: Rethinking the “Triple Scheme”

- 32nd 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 Conference, 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)

COMMENTS, OUTREACH, AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

ALL BY INVITATION

Faculty Lecture Series, Philosophy Club, Catholic University of America

- “The Wisdom of Socrates and Asclepius in the Time of Coronavirus” (April 2020)
- “Why Would a Biologist Believe in the Soul? Aristotelian Reflections on Bodies, Souls and Minds” (Sept 2019)
- “Clubs, Cliques, and Deeply Held Commitments in Academic Life” (Sept. 2018)

Hitchhikers’ Guide to Culture, University Honors Program

- “Philosophy in the Wild” (Invited for April 2020; Talk Now Delayed Due to Covid)

Annual Meeting, Central Division of the American Philosophical Association

- “Aristotle on Becoming Convinced: A Comment on McCready-Flora” (Feb. 2020)

“Being Human in the Age of the Brain,” Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia

- “The Necessity of Subjective Shallowness: A Comment on Hasselberger” (Feb. 2020)

Naval ROTC Leadership Lab Speaker Series, George Washington University (DC-area unit including Catholic U.)

- “Honor, Courage, and Commitment in Ancient Greek Moral Thought” (Feb. 2020)

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

- “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)

Encounter the Spirit Lecture Series, Catholic University of America

- “Reflections on the Natural Virtue of Religion” (Jan. 2020)

Thomistic Institute Lecture Series

- “Why Would a Biologist Believe in the Soul?” University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) (Apr. 2019)
- “Why Would a Biologist Believe in the Soul?” University of Maryland, College Park (Nov. 2017)

Organizer and Panelist, School of Philosophy and University Honors Program, Catholic University of America

- *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* (1962), Film Screening and Faculty Panel Discussion (Mar. 2019)
- *Richard III* (1995), Film Screening and Faculty Panel Discussion (Feb. 2019)
- *Henry V* (1989), Film Screening and Faculty Panel Discussion (Dec. 2018)
- *The Sunset Limited* (2011), Film Screening and Faculty Panel Discussion (Apr. 2017)

Academic Reflection at Solemn Vespers, Medieval Society, Catholic University of America

- “Revelation, Contradiction, and Death at the Close of Epiphanytide” (Feb. 2019)

Intellectual Formation Lecture Series, Cardinals for Life, Catholic University of America

- “Navigating Faith and Science in Debates about Abortion” (Jan. 2019)

American Association of Philosophy Teachers, Biennial Conference

- “Strategies for an Effective Year-Long Introduction to Philosophy” (Panelist, NC A&T State Univ., July 2018)
- “Thinking Forms in Images: An Aristotelian Insight on the Socratic Method” (St John’s Univ., August 2014)

First Year Experience Lecture Series, Catholic University of America

- “Growing Up but Not Forgetting: On Achieving and Maintaining the Heart of a Freshman” (Feb. 2017)

RCIA Program, St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church, Bethel Park PA

- “Freedom and Human Action: Philosophical Background of the Christian Moral Life” (Jan. 2016)
- “The Existence of God and the Soul: Philosophical Background of Christian Doctrine” (Sept. 2015)

Epistemology Reading Group, Ryan Newman Student Center, Pittsburgh PA

- “Aristotle and Aquinas on Intellectual Capacities, Activities, and Virtues” (Dec. 2015)
- “Aristotle and Aquinas on the Incorruptibility of the Soul” (Oct. 2015)
- “Aristotle’s *de Anima* and Aquinas’ *Treatise on Human Nature: An Introduction*” (Sept. 2015)

Philosophy Club Lecture Series, University of Pittsburgh

- “Active Thinking, Active Mind: Discovering Parallels with Aristotle’s *de Anima* III.5” (Nov. 2015)
- “McDowell and the Myth of the Given: A Reappraisal” (Nov. 2012)

Teaching Philosophy Graduate Seminar, Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh

- “Developing Reading, Writing, and Speaking Skills *Together*” (Oct. 2015)
- “Thinking Forms in Images: An Aristotelian Insight on the Socratic Method” (Sept. 2014)

Young Professionals Mentoring Program, National Eagle Scout Association, Pittsburgh PA

- “Two Kinds of Life Activities: Aryeh Kosman versus Stephen Covey on ‘Sharpening the Saw’” (May 2015)

3rd Annual Conference, Pennsylvania Circle of Ancient Philosophy, Pennsylvania State University

- “Ontology versus Ousiology: A Comment on Humphreys” (Apr. 2015)

“Aristotle’s *de Anima*,” Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Pittsburgh

- “(Dis)Analogies Between Perception and *Nous*: A Comment on Vasiliou” (Apr. 2013)

College of Commissioner Science, Boy Scouts of America, Farmington PA

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

ACADEMIC SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS (AS PARTICIPANT)

**BY INVITATION*

- “Robust and Receptive Ecumenism,” 28th Annual Conference, Lilly Fellows Program, Hope College (Oct. 2018)*
- Biennial Teaching and Learning Seminar, American Association 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)*
- “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, Univ. 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)

ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

American Association of Philosophy Teachers
American Catholic Philosophical Association
Canadian Aristotle Society
Canadian Society for Epistemology
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy

ACADEMIC COURSES

Graduate Instructor, The Catholic University of America

PHIL 729:	Aristotle's <i>Posterior Analytics</i>	S 2019
PHIL 901:	Aristotle on Intellect and Intellect's Virtue	F 2017, S 2021

Undergraduate Instructor, The Catholic University of America

PHIL 201:	The Classical Mind	Su. 2019, Su. 2020
PHIL 202:	The Modern Mind	Su. 2017, Su. 2018
PHIL 211:	The Classical Mind (Honors)	F 2016, F 2017, F 2018 (x2), F 2019, F 2020
PHIL 212:	The Modern Mind (Honors)	S 2017, S 2018, S 2019 (x2), S 2020, S 2021
PHIL 301:	Reasoning and Argumentation	Su. 2019, Su. 2020
PHIL 302:	Introductory Logic	F 2019, S 2020, F 2020, S 2021
PHIL 329:	Philosophy of Science	S 2017, S 2018
PHIL 351:	Symbolic Logic	F 2016, S 2017, F 2017

Undergraduate Instructor, St. Vincent College

PHIL 101:	First Philosophy	S 2016
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Undergraduate Instructor, University of Pittsburgh

PHIL 0010:	Concepts of Human Nature	S 2015, S 2016, Su. 2016
PHIL 0200:	History of Ancient Philosophy	Su. 2015

Undergraduate TA and Recitation Instructor, University of Pittsburgh

PHIL 0010:	Concepts of Human Nature	F 2010
PHIL 0200:	Ancient Philosophy	S 2013
PHIL 0202:	Ancient Philosophy (Writing Intensive)	F 2014
PHIL 0440:	Minds and Machines	S 2011
PHIL 0500:	Introduction to Logic	F 2015

GRADUATE ACADEMIC ADVISING

PhD Dissertation Director

Brian Killackey (preliminary)
Alexandre Winston (in progress)

PhD Dissertation Reader

Benjamin Block (2019)
Jessica Deal (in progress)
Robert Gervasini (in progress)
Elisabeth Parish (in progress)
Ryan Shea (in progress)
Fr. Daniel Martin (preliminary)

MA/PhL Thesis Reader

Fr. Daniel Martin (2017)
Alexandre Winston (2018)
Robert Gervasini (2018)
Philip Knuffke (2020)

MA/PhL Thesis Director

Brian Killackey (2020)
Mitchell Carson (in progress)

MA/PhL Oral Exam Committee

Christopher Fencl (2017)
Kristina Hanning (2018)
James Hawkins (2018)
Ryan Miller (2018)
Alexandre Winston (2018)
Robert Gervasini (2018)
Fr. Daniel Martin (2018)
Timothy Anderson (2019)
Michael Lachimia (2019)
Jonathan Pham (2020)
Brian Killackey (2020)
Philip Knuffke (2020)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Faculty Advisor to Student Groups (Catholic University): ΦΣΤ Philosophy Honors Society (2017-present)
 Undergraduate Philosophy Club (2017-present)

School of Philosophy Committees (Catholic University): Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2020-present)
 Graduate Pro-Seminar Committee (2018-present)
 Graduate Placement Advisory Comm. (2017-present)
 Senior Comps Exam Committee (2016-present)
 Language Exam Committee (Greek) (2016-present)
 Library Committee (2016-present)

Faculty Consultant, “Scholarship in Service to Church and Nation” Provost Report, Catholic U. (2018)

Co-Founder, Undergraduate Philosophy Mentoring Program, University of Pittsburgh (2016)

Referee for: *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *Ancient Philosophy*, *Epoché*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*,
Newman Studies Journal, *Res Philosophica*, *Review of Metaphysics*

LANGUAGES

Ancient Greek (reading)
 French (reading)
 German (reading)
 Italian (reading)
 Latin (reading)
 Spanish (reading, some speaking)

PERSONAL

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

NON-ACADEMIC AWARDS

Eagle Scout Award, Boy Scouts of America (2003)

REFERENCES