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*Curriculum Vitae*

SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY  
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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Assistant Professor, School of Philosophy  
The Catholic University of America  
*January 2024 – present.*

Postdoctoral Researcher  
Dipartimento di Scienze umane dell'Università LUMSA (Rome, Italy).  
*2020-2023.*

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

AOS: Latin Medieval Theories of Cognition and Ontology (13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries).

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

AOC: Latin Medieval Ethics, Early Modern Philosophy, Metaphysics.

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D in Philosophy, Università degli Studi di Salerno (Italy) – KU Leuven (Belgium)  
Dissertation: *Teoria degli Universali e Conoscenza della Realtà in Pietro Aureoli (Peter Auriol on Universals and Intellectual Cognition)*.  
Supervisors: Dr. Prof. O. Grassi (Università Cattolica, Italy), Dr. Prof. R. L. Friedman (KU Leuven, Belgium) Dr. Prof. A. Conti (Università L'Aquila, Italy).  
Evaluation: Excellent.  
*2015-2019.*

M.A. in Philosophy, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Milan, Italy)  
Title: *Pietro Aureoli e gli universali (Peter Auriol on Universals)*.  
Supervisor: Dr. Prof. O. Grassi.  
Evaluation: 110/110 *summa cum laude*.  
*2012-2015.*

B.A. in Philosophy, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Milan, Italy)  
Title: *Razionalità e paradosso in S. Kierkegaard (S. Kierkegaard on Rationality and Paradox)*.  
Supervisor: Dr. Prof. F. Botturi.  
Evaluation: 110/110 *summa cum laude*.  
*2009-2012.*

High School Degree, Liceo Classico Don Carlo Gnocchi (High School focusing on Classical Studies and Humanities).  
2004-2009.

#### AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Postdoctoral Scholarship, Dipartimento di Scienze Umane dell'Università Lumsa (Rome, Italy).  
2020-2023.

C.U.C Fellow Scholarship, CEI, (Vatican City).  
2016-2019.

Doctoral Scholarship, Università degli Studi di Salerno (Salerno, Italy).  
2016- 2018.

Scholarship for the Research Master on the Social Doctrine of the Church, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and Istituto Toniolo (Milan, Italy).  
2013.

#### PROJECTS

*Auriol Editing Project*, Frati Editori di Quaracchi, directed by Fr. Bill Short, Director of the Collegium S. Bonaventurae.  
2018-present.

#### PUBLICATIONS

##### *Books (edited)*

- *Studi sull'aristotelismo medievale. Special Issue: Conoscenza e realtà nella storia del pensiero tardo medievale. Studi per Onorato Grassi*, (eds. A.D. Conti, G. Fornasieri), TAB Edizioni, Roma, 1, 2022.
- *Reading Peter Auriol: New Studies on His Texts and Thoughts* (ed.) G. Fornasieri, C. Paladini, Leuven University Press, Leuven (forthcoming).

##### *Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)*

- "William Farinier on the First Known Object of the Intellect" (submitted).
- "William Farinier lettore di Pietro Aureoli", «Studi sull'aristotelismo medievale. Special Issue: Conoscenza e realtà nella storia del pensiero tardo medievale. Studi per Onorato Grassi» (eds. A.D. Conti, G. Fornasieri), TAB Edizioni, Roma, 1, 2022, pp. 405-447.
- "Teologia vestita di Poesia: discorso retorico e discorso poetico nei Sermones di Pietro Aureoli", «Rivista di filosofia Neoscolastica» 1, 2022, pp. 109-124.
- "What is it to be Naturally Loved? Henry of Harclay on Fruition: Edition and Philosophical Commentary of I Sententiarum, d. 1, qq. 1-4", (with A. De Pascalis), «Studi sull'aristotelismo medievale», 1, 2022, pp. 119-172.
- "Intellectual Cognition as Connotation. Peter Auriol on the Nature of the Cognitive Act", «Rivista di Storia della Filosofia», 1, 2021, pp. 24-49.

- “Conception, Connotation and Essential Predication. Peter Auriol’s Conceptualism to the Test in II Sententiarum, d. 9, q. 2, art. 1”, «Analysis and Existence. Special Issue: *The Intersections of Theology, Language, and Cognition in Medieval Tradition and Beyond*» (eds. M. Michałowska, R. Fedriga, C. Marmo), 54, 2021, pp. 81-126.
- “Peter Auriol on Connotative Distinction and His Criticism of Scotus’s Formal Distinction”, «Documenti e studi sulla tradizione filosofica medievale», XXIX, 2018, pp. 231-274.

#### *Book Chapters (Peer Reviewed)*

- “Why Would Not Socrates Be Enough? Peter Auriol vs. Hervaeus Natalis on Universals”. In *Philosophical and Theological Epistemology in Hervaeus Natalis OP*, (ed.) F. Amerini, Brill, Leiden (submitted)
- “Platonist even without knowing it: Peter Auriol’s Criticism of Common Natures and the Rise of a Platonic Reading of Scotus’s Ontology”. In *Platonism and Scotism. A New Appraisal* (ed.) G. Smith, Brill, Leiden (accepted for publication).
- “Peter in Disguise Potential Hints Towards the Attribution of Padova, Biblioteca Universitaria, ms. 1580, q. 7 to Auriol”. In *Peter Auriol’s Thought and Its Heritage* (ed.) G. Fornasieri, C. Paladini, Leuven University Press, Leuven (forthcoming).
- “Cognitive Attention and Impressions: The Role of the Will in Auriol’s Theory of Concept Formation”. In *Willing and Understanding: Late Medieval Debates on the Will, the Intellect, and Practical Knowledge*, R. Fedriga, M. Michałowska (eds.), Brill, Leiden 2023, pp. 147-172.
- “Connotation vs. Extrinsic Denomination: Peter Auriol on Intentions and Intellectual Cognition”. In *Metaphysics Through Semantics: The Philosophical Recovery of the Medieval Mind. Essays in Honor of Gyula Klima*, J. P. Hochschild, T. C. Nevitt, A. Wood, G. Borbély (eds.), Springer, Cham 2023, pp. 323-357.

#### *Encyclopedia Article*

- “Peter Auriol”, SEP Entry, co-authored with R. L. Friedman (Friedman, Russell L. and Giacomo Fornasieri, "Peter Auriol", *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Spring 2026 Edition), Edward N. Zalta & Uri Nodelman (eds.), forthcoming URL = <https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/spr2026/entries/auriol/>).

#### *Review Articles*

- *Sottile e robusto, uno e plurale. Il pensiero di Duns Scoto analizzato in due recenti pubblicazioni: Duns Scoto in Italia. Edizioni, traduzioni, studi*, E. Dezza, O. Grassi (eds.), Edizioni Antonianum, Roma 2021; *Interpreting Duns Scotus. Critical Essays*, Giorgio Pini (ed.), CUP, Cambridge 2022, in «Rivista di Storia della Filosofia», 2, 2023, pp. 273-283.

#### *Book Reviews*

- Luca Bianchi e Chiara Crisciani (eds.), *Forme e oggetti della conoscenza nel XIV secolo. Studi in ricordo di Maria Elena Reina, Micrologus Library*, SISMEL – Edizioni del Galluzzo – Firenze 2014 in «Rivista di Filosofia Neo-scolastica», 4, 2018, pp. 1028-1030.

### Work in Progress

- *Individuals, Singulars and Universals. Peter Auriol's Ontology* (Monograph in preparation; 50% completed, under contract with Brill's series: *History of Metaphysics: Ancient, Medieval, Modern*).
- *A Companion to Peter Auriol's Philosophical and Theological Thought* (ed.) G. Fornasieri, Brill, Leiden (under preparation).
- "Hervaeus Natalis and the Franciscans. The Case of Peter Auriol". In *A Companion to Hervaeus Natalis*, (eds.) F. Amerini, F. Binotto, Brill, Leiden (under preparation).

## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Conference Presentations

- "Primum Cognitum and Cognitive Attention. William Farinier on the Primacy of the Concept of Being", *Attention in Medieval and Postmedieval Scholasticism*, Faculty of Theology USB, České Budějovice, September 18–19, 2025.
- "William Farinier on the First Known Object of the Intellect", *KU Leuven Colloquia in Medieval Philosophy 2024/2025 (II) – Mind and World*, June 13, 2025.
- "Why Would Not Socrates Be Enough? Peter Auriol vs. Hervaeus Natalis on Universals.", *Hervaeus Natalis's Philosophy of Knowledge*, April 27–29, 2025, Università di Parma (Italy).
- "William Farinier on Being as the First Known", *From Direct Realism to Representationalism. Objectivity and Subjectivity in the Middle Age and Modern Age*, November 20-22, 2024, Università di Studi de L'Aquila (Italy).
- "*Omnis intellectio exigit rem positam in esse intentionale*. Note sulla teoria della conoscenza di Pietro Aureoli", *Alle origini delle teorie moderne dell'intenzionalità della mente: Tommaso d'Aquino e Hervé de Nédéllec*, October 17, 2024, Università degli Studi di Parma (Italy).
- "Platonist even without knowing it: Peter Auriol's Criticism of Common Natures and the Rise of a Platonic Reading of Scotus's Ontology", *Platonism and Scotism. A New Appraisal*, May 25-26, 2023, Universität Bonn.
- "Peter in Disguise: Potential Hints Towards the Attribution of Padova, Biblioteca Universitaria, ms. 1580, q. 7 to Auriol", *Peter Auriol's Thought and His Legacy, on the Seventh Centenary of the Death (1322-2022)*, September 29-30, 2022, LUMSA, Rome.
- "The role of the will in Auriol's theory of concepts formation", *The Will and Its Acts*, Lodz, June 17-18, 2021 (via videoconference).
- "Intellectual Cognition and Connotation. Peter Auriol on the Nature of Cognitive Acts", *The Intersections of Theology, Language and Cognition in Medieval Tradition and Beyond*, May 12-13, 2020 (via videoconference).
- "Consciousness in Cognition according to Auriol? Some introductory Sketches", *Peter Auriol and His Vicinity*, KU Leuven, June 3-4, 2016.

### Other Presentations

- “Peter Auriol on Individual, Singular and Universal”, *Radical thinking in the Middle Ages*, 15<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the Société Internationale pour l’Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale, August 22-26, 2022, Campus Condorcet, Paris.
- “L’apparenza che inganna. Visione e conoscenza in Pietro Aureoli”, *L’occhio e il riflesso*, May 28-31, 2019.
- *Universals and Finite Individuals*, Research Seminar, KU Leuven, April 28, 2018.
- *Universals and Finite Individuals*, in DWMC Research Day, Leuven, May 28, 2018.
- “Teologia vestita di Poesia: discorso retorico e discorso poetico nei Sermones di Pietro Aureoli”, *Poesia teologica e teologia poetica. Testi e contesti. Antichità, Medioevo, Rinascimento*, Convegno Internazionale del Dottorato RAMUS, Università degli Studi di Salerno, January 8-11, 2018.
- *Gli universali in Pietro Aureoli*, in XXVI Convegno nazionale dei Dottorati di Ricerca in Filosofia – Modena, Fondazione San Carlo, Modena, September 5-6, 2017.

### CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- “Peter Auriol’s Thought and His Legacy, on the Seventh Centenary of the Death (1322-2022)”, September 29-30, 2022, LUMSA, Rome. Co-convenors: Fabrizio Amerini, Alessandro Conti, Onorato Grassi, Chiara Paladini.

### TEACHING AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

The Catholic University of America:

- History of Medieval Philosophy – PHIL 354
- Action and Government – HSPH 102
- The Desire to Know – HSPH 101
- Late Medieval Theories of Cognition – PHIL 790
- Human Action and Government – HSPH 101

Teaching Assistant: *Storia del Pensiero Tardomedievale e Rinascimentale*, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Milan, Italy).  
2015-2021.

Teaching Assistant: *Storia della Filosofia Medievale*, Università LUMSA (Rome, Italy).  
2020-2023.

Research Fellow at the De Wulf-Mansion Centre for Ancient, Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, KU Leuven (Belgium).  
2017-2018.

### SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

## *Journals*

- Editorial Board of *Studi sull'aristotelismo medievale*.

## *Professional Societies*

- Executive Committee of SISPM (Società Italiana per lo Studio del Pensiero Medievale). 2021-present.
- Webmaster of SISPM (Società Italiana per lo Studio del Pensiero Medievale). 2015-present.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- Associate Member of SISPM (Società Italiana per lo Studio del Pensiero Medievale). (<http://www.sispm.org>).
- Associate Member of SIEPM (Société Internationale pour l'Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale). (<https://hiw.kuleuven.be/siepm>).
- Associate Member of ACPA (American Catholic Philosophical Association).
- Associate Member of SMRP (Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy).
- Founding Member of SEHI (Society for the European History of Ideas). (<https://www.societyfortheeuropeanhistoryofideas.org>).
- Member of the CeSIM (Centro per la Storia Intellettuale del Medioevo). (<https://sites.unimi.it/cesim/componenti/>).

## **LANGUAGES**

Italian (Native Speaker).  
English (Fluent Speaker).  
French (Reading Knowledge).  
Spanish (Reading Knowledge).  
Latin (Reading Knowledge).  
Ancient Greek (Reading Knowledge).