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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023– The Catholic University of America, School of Philosophy
Assistant Professor
- 2021–23 University of Chicago, Departments of Political Science and History
Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Postdoctoral Research Fellow

EDUCATION

- 2015–19 Ph.D., Political Thought and Intellectual History
University of Cambridge (Corpus Christi College)
- Dissertation:* “Virtue and the Philosophical Life in the Thomist Tradition at the University of Padua, from Aquinas to Cajetan (1225–1534)”; Approved with no corrections
- Supervisor:* Professor Annabel Brett; *Examiners:* Professor Thomas Pink, Dr. Magnus Ryan
- 2014–15 MPhil, Political Thought and Intellectual History; Degree Result: Distinction
University of Cambridge (Corpus Christi College)
- Dissertation:* “Natural Law and the Goodness of Human Actions in Aquinas, Suárez, and Vásquez”
- 2009–13 A.B., *Summa cum laude*, Government (Theology Minor); Valedictorian; GPA: 4.0 / 4.0
Georgetown University; Phi Beta Kappa

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING FOCUS

Medieval and early modern ethics and political philosophy

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Fellowships

- 2021–23 Donnelley Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 2020 Postdoctoral Mandate, KU Leuven, De Wulf-Mansion Centre for Ancient, Medieval, and Renaissance Philosophy (declined in order to pursue Donnelley Fellowship)
- 2015–18 Cambridge International Scholarship, Cambridge International Trust
- 2014 H.B. Earhart Fellowship, Earhart Foundation

Competitive Grants

- 2023 American Political Science Association Travel Grant
- 2021 American Political Science Association Travel Grant
- 2017 Lightfoot Grant, University of Cambridge
- 2017 Cambridge History Faculty Fieldwork Grant
- 2017 Lightfoot Grant, University of Cambridge
- 2016 Lightfoot Grant, University of Cambridge
- 2016 Prince Consort Grant, University of Cambridge

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2023 “The Origins of Francisco Suárez’s Theory of Natural Beatitude and Biblioteca de Santa Cruz Manuscript 404.” Forthcoming in *On Suárez’s Ethics: The Fundamentals and the Effects*. Edited by Juan Antonio Senent de Frutos. Leiden: Brill.
- 2022 “Nature, Grace, and ‘the Drama of Atheist Humanism’: Henri de Lubac’s Account of Modernity.” *The Political Science Reviewer* 46, no. 1: 359–388.
- 2021 “The Historical Development of Cajetan’s Philosophy of Pure Nature and its Origins in the Thought of John Capreolus.” *The Thomist* 85, no. 1: 1–55.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers

- 2023 “Religious Liberty and the Natural Law in the Scholastic Tradition.” Paper accepted for presentation at the APSA Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, California. September 2023.
- 2022 “Virtue and the Politics of Pluralism in the Thought of Jacques Maritain.” Paper presented at the APSA Annual Meeting. Montréal, Canada. September 2022.
- 2022 “The Moral and Political Science of Thomas Aquinas: Philosophy or Theology?” Presented at the Medieval Philosophy and Theology Conference of the De Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture and Jacques Maritain Society. Notre Dame, Indiana. May 2022.
- 2022 “Boethius of Dacia, Thomas Aquinas, and the Aristotelian Understanding of Human Nature’s Perfection.” Presented at the 57th International Congress on Medieval Studies. May 2022.
- 2022 “Natural Law and the Rights of Religious Minorities in the Thought of Francisco Suárez and Marsilius of Padua.” Presented at the 2022 Loyola University Andalucía Research Group for Jesuit Thought and Tradition in Early Modernity conference. May 2022.

- 2022 “Renaissance Padua and the Origins of Cajetan’s Understanding of Natural Beatitude.” Accepted for presentation at the Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting. Dublin, Ireland. March 2022.
- 2022 “Virtue and the Politics of Pluralism in the Thought of Jacques Maritain.” Presented at the Eric Voegelin Society Conference. January 2022.
- 2021 “Natural Law and Natural Right in Hugo Grotius and Gabriel Vásquez.” Presented at the APSA Annual Meeting. Seattle, United States. October 2021.
- 2021 “Biblioteca de Santa Cruz Manuscript 404 and the Origins of Francisco Suárez’s Theory of Pure Nature.” Presented at the Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting. April 2021.
- 2021 “Man’s Supernatural End and the Givenness of Being in Modernity.” Presented at the Eric Voegelin Society Conference. January 2021.
- 2020 “Religious Toleration and Consent of the Governed in the Early Modern Age: Marsilius of Padua and Francisco Suárez.” Presented at the APSA Annual Meeting. September 2020.
- 2017 “Thomas Aquinas and the Incompleteness of Philosophy.” Presented at the 8th Braga Meeting on Ethics and Political Philosophy. Braga, Portugal. June 2017.
- 2016 “Natural Law and Divine Providence in Thomas Aquinas and Hugo Grotius.” Presented at the 8th Conference of the Portuguese Political Science Association. Lisbon, Portugal. March 2016.

Invited Presentations

- 2022 “Scholasticism and Contemporary Philosophy.” Symposium presentation at the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo. São Paulo, Brazil. August 2022.
- 2021 “Virtue, Politics, and Charity in the Thomistic Tradition.” Presentation at the University of Chicago Medieval Studies Workshop. October 2021.
- 2021 “Religious Toleration and Consent of the Governed in the Early Modern Age: Marsilius of Padua and Francisco Suárez.” Paper presented at the Catholic University of America Political Thought Symposium. February 2021.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, The Catholic University of America

Fall 2023 Phil. 201: The Classical Mind

Fall 2023 Phil. 332b: Political Philosophy

Instructor of Record, University of Chicago

Spring 2023 Pol. Sci. 22125: Nature, Consent, and the Origins of Political Authority

Spring 2022 Hist. 22123: Natural Law in Scholastic Political Thought

Tutorial Leader, University of Cambridge

2017 History Faculty Paper 19 (introductory course in history of political thought)

SERVICE

2022 History Department Representative, Lumen Christi Institute at the University of Chicago

2020 Organization Committee, Summer Seminar of the Center for Ethics, Political Philosophy, and Public Policy at the University of Minho

2015–16 Seminar Assistant, Cambridge Political Thought and Intellectual History Seminar

LANGUAGES

Latin Read (including paleography)

French Read

German Read; intermediate speaking and writing proficiency

Italian Read; advanced speaking and writing proficiency

Spanish Read; advanced speaking and writing proficiency

Portuguese Read

English Native

MEMBERSHIPS AND RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

American Political Science Association

Eric Voegelin Society

De Wulf-Mansion Centre for Ancient, Medieval, and Renaissance Philosophy, KU Leuven

Research Group for Jesuit Thought and Tradition in Early Modernity, Loyola University Andalucía

REFERENCES

Professor Annabel Brett
Faculty of History
Gonville and Caius College
University of Cambridge

Professor Thomas Pink
Faculty of Philosophy
King's College London

Dr. Magnus Ryan
Faculty of History
Peterhouse
University of Cambridge