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EDUCATION

Fall 2014 – May 2019 The Catholic University of America School of Philosophy Washington, DC	Doctoral program in philosophy Doctoral candidacy, Spring 2015 Defended March 19, 2019 <i>with distinction</i> Dissertation: “Noetic Thinking in Aristotle’s <i>De Anima</i> III.6” (directed by Jean De Groot)
Fall 2012 – Spring 2014 The Catholic University of America School of Philosophy Washington, DC	License of philosophy (GPA: 4.0) Oral Examination, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> Thesis: “Shaping the Soul by Likeness: The Content and Form of Music in Aristotle’s <i>Politics</i> VIII.5” (directed by Robert Sokolowski)
Summer 2011 Catholic Studies Program University of St. Thomas St. Paul, MN	Masters coursework (GPA: 4.0) Instructors: Michael J. Keating, John F. Boyle
Summer 2003 – Summer 2006 Aquinas College Theology and Philosophy Program of Study Nashville, TN	Catechetical Certification, K-12 Instructors: Peter Pagan, Roger Nutt, Sr. Jane Dominic Laurel, OP, Brian Mullady, OP, Sr. Catherine Joseph Droste, OP
Fall 2002 – Spring 2006 Aquinas College Teacher Education Program Nashville, TN	Elementary Teacher Licensure, K-8
Summer 1999 The City University of New York Latin and Greek Institute Brooklyn, NY	Intensive Greek, intermediate level (GPA: 4.0) Instructor: Hardy Hansen
Fall 1998 – Spring 2002 The Catholic University of America School of Philosophy Washington, DC	Bachelor of philosophy, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>

ACADEMIC AWARDS RECEIVED

Praxis Recognition for Excellence <i>Elementary Education; Principles of Learning and Teaching</i>	Spring 2005
Dean’s List, Aquinas College	Fall 2004 – Fall 2005
Edward R. Braham Award for Academic Excellence	Spring 2002
High Honors Recognition, CUA	Fall 1998 – Spring 2002
Archdiocesan (full tuition) Scholarship	Fall 1998 – Spring 2002
IBM J Watson Scholar	Fall 1998 – Spring 2002

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- “A Critical Examination of Three Readings of ἀληθείς in Aristotle’s DA III.6” June 2024
18th Annual Marquette Summer Seminar on Aristotle and The Aristotelian Traditions
Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI)
- “Distinguishing Truth’s Absences: Aristotle on Falsity, Error, and Ignorance” October 2018
The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
Christopher Newport University (Newport News, VA)
- “Making Present the Whole” April 2018
Graduate Student Workshop: Learning and Teaching in Ancient Philosophy
University of Chicago (Chicago, IL)
- “Aristotle on the Subject’s Active Contribution to Non-Discursive Thinking” April 2018
Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy: Cognition
The Catholic University of America (Washington, DC)
- “Aristotle on Knowing as Touching” October 2017
The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
Fordham University (New York, NY)
- “Classifying the Indivisibles of Aristotle’s *De Anima* III.6” October 2016
The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
Fordham University (New York, NY)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- “What is Intellect?” in *Aquinas on Knowledge, Truth, and Wisdom* (Sapientia Press) Forthcoming
- “Listening for Balderdash with Heidegger,” in *A Body of Learning* (Press TBD) Forthcoming

BOOK REVIEWS

- Zena Hitz, *A Philosopher Looks at Religious Life* (Cambridge University Press, 2023)
Review for Religious Spring 2024

INTELLECTUAL PRESENTATIONS

- “Fatherhood, Speech, and Desire for the Incarnation” March 2025
Aquinas Lecture, Borromeo Seminary (Cleveland, OH)
- “The Use of Tools in the Information Age: the Death of Wisdom?” November 2024
Thomistic Institute, Texas A&M University chapter (College Station, TX)
- “The Intellectual Life” October 2024
Thomistic Institute Southeast Symposium (Columbia, SC)
- “Is Friendship with a Simple God Possible?” June 2024
Thomistic Institute Aquinas Philosophy Workshop (Newburgh, NY)
- “Assessing Aquinas’ Account of Acedia: Can We Choose Joy?” February 2024
Thomistic Institute, Ave Maria University chapter (Ave Maria, FL)
- “Taking Seriously Aristotle’s World and the Role of Contemplation in It”
“Playing with Aristotle’s Account of Contemplation” February 2024
Thomistic Institute Intellectual Retreat, Cornell chapter (Washington, DC)

“The Work of Anger in the Human Heart: Anger <i>in se</i> ”	
“The Work of Anger in Community: Anger <i>ad alterum</i> ” (A Conversation with Fr. Gregory Pine, OP)	
Thomistic Institute Intellectual Retreat, DC Young Professionals chapter (Washington, DC)	January 2024
“Balderdash: What It is, Why We Tolerate It, and How We can Reduce It”	
Thomistic Institute, University of Illinois chapter (Champaign-Urbana, IL)	September 2023
Thomistic Institute, DC Young Professionals chapter (Washington, DC)	September 2024
<u>“A Thomistic Take on Disordered Emotions”</u>	
Thomistic Institute, University of West Virginia chapter (Morgantown, WV)	April 2024
Thomistic Institute, University of Dallas chapter (Dallas, TX)	March 2024
Thomistic Institute, University of Arizona chapter (Tucson, AZ)	April 2023
“How We Mean Our Words: Speaking at, with, and to”	
Catholic Congressional Staffer’s Association (Washington, DC)	March 2023
“The Work of Fear (and How to Work with Fear) in the Human Heart”	
Thomistic Institute, Florida State University chapter (Tallahassee, FL)	April 2024
Thomistic Institute, William and Mary chapter (Williamsburg, VA)	March 2023
Thomistic Institute Intellectual Retreat, Yale chapter (Litchfield, CT)	February 2021
“Study and the Spiritual Life: Crucifixion of the Desk?”	
Thomistic Institute, DC Young Professionals chapter (Washington, DC)	November 2023
St. Mary’s Seminary (Baltimore, MD)	February 2023
Thomistic Institute, Harvard chapter (Cambridge, MA)	October 2024
<u>“Resting in the Real: St. Thomas on Contemplation”</u>	
Thomistic Institute, DC Young Professionals chapter (Washington, DC)	September 2022
Thomistic Institute, University of Connecticut chapter (Storrs, CT)	October 2024
Aquinas Lecture, Mount Mercy University (Cedar Rapids, IA)	April 2022
“St. Thomas on Man as an Emotional Being: Articulating the World from the Gut”	
“St. Thomas on Emotions in Community: Articulating the World that is Ours”	
Thomistic Institute Intellectual Retreat, William and Mary chapter (Washington, DC)	December 2021
<u>“What is Intellect?”</u>	
Thomistic Institute Aquinas Philosophy Workshop (Greenville, SC)	June 2021
<u>“Wisdom Sought, Wisdom Given”</u>	
Thomistic Institute Intellectual Retreat, Yale chapter (Litchfield, CT)	February 2021
<u>“The Virtues and Prudence”</u>	
Thomistic Institute Intellectual Retreat (Washington, DC)	October 2020
<u>PEDAGOGICAL PRESENTATIONS</u>	
“Five Coaching Habits Every FYE Instructor Should Adopt”	February 2020
39 th Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience	
National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition (Washington, DC)	
“Confusion, Boredom, and Frustration as the Beginning of Philosophical Conversation”	July 2018
American Association of Philosophy Teachers Biennial Conference: Public Philosophy	
North Carolina A&T State University (Greensboro, NC)	
“Principles of Classroom Management”	November 2017
Pedagogy Seminar	
Mount St. Mary’s Seminary (Emmitsburg, MD)	

- “Classroom Implementations of Sherry Turkle’s *Reclaiming Conversation*” July 2017
 Community Formation Presentation
 St. Cecilia Motherhouse (Nashville, TN)
- “Philosophical Anthropology” March 2009
 Aquinas College Catechists’ Formation Program
 St. Patrick Catholic Church (Morristown West, TN)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Collegiate assistant professor* Fall 2022 – Current
Visiting assistant professor Spring 2022
Adjunct assistant professor Fall 2019 – Fall 2021
FYE philosophy teaching fellow Fall 2014 – Spring 2019

The Catholic University of America (Washington, DC)

Courses taught: Phil 201, 211 (honors): The Classical Mind; Phil 202, 212 (honors): The Modern Mind; HSPH 101: The Desire to Know; HSPH 102: Human Action and Government; Phil 301: Reasoning and Argumentation; Phil 308: Philosophy of God; Phil 309B: Theories of Ethics; Phil 313B: Philosophy of Human Nature; Phil 317: Philosophy of Religion; Phil 331B: Phil of Knowledge; Phil 362: Professional Ethics in Engineering; Phil 375: Rhetoric in Theory and Practice

- Adjunct professor* Summers 2015 – 2023
 Aquinas College (Nashville, TN)
 Courses taught: Phil 215: Ethics; Phil 370: Philosophy of Knowledge; Phil 460: Metaphysics

- Religion teacher* Fall 2010 – Spring 2012
 Notre Dame High School (Chattanooga, TN)
 Courses taught: Church history
 Moderator of acapella club, philosophy club, ethics bowl team, and music ministry
 Coordinator of house/advisory system

- Religion teacher, department co-chair* Fall 2008 – Spring 2010
 Knoxville Catholic High School (Knoxville, TN)
 Courses taught: Apologetics, Christian Vocation
 Moderator of philosophy club, ethics bowl team, and music ministry
 Diocesan Religion Curriculum Committee

- Religion teacher* Fall 2006 – Spring 2007
 Knoxville Catholic High School (Knoxville, TN)
 Courses taught: Scripture, Doctrine
 Moderator of improvisational comedy club and music ministry

DISCUSSION FACILITATION

- “Aristotle and St. Thomas on Intellectual Intuition” October 2024
 Thomistic Institute seminar, MIT graduate reading group
- “St. Thomas on Acedia” October 2022 – November 2022
 Thomistic Institute Summa Study Group (virtual)
- “St. Thomas on Aesthetics” March 2022 – April 2022
 Thomistic Institute Summa Study Group (virtual)
- Augustine’s *Confessions* Reading Group Fall 2021 – Spring 2022
 Our Lady Queen of Preachers House of Studies (Washington, DC)
- “St. Thomas on the Passion of Fear” October 2020 – November 2020
 Thomistic Institute Summa Study Group (virtual)

STUDENT GROUP INVOLVEMENT

Faculty Advisor: Quiz Bowl Cardinals	Fall 2021 – Current
Faculty Advisor: CUA hurling team	Fall 2021 – Current
Faculty Advisor: Thomistic Institute CUA chapter	Fall 2022 – Current

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Phi Beta Kappa, liberal arts academic excellence (Beta chapter, CUA)
Eta Sigma Phi, Latin and Greek study (Eta Kappa chapter, CUA)
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
Intercollegiate Studies Institute
Association of Students for Curriculum Development (Aquinas College Chapter)
American Association for Philosophy Teachers

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<i>Linacre Quarterly</i> Editorial Committee Advisory Member	January 2020 – current
<i>Linacre Quarterly</i> Reviewer	January 2020 – current
<i>Review for Religious</i> Reviewer	July 2021

LANGUAGES

Spanish: high school and intermediate college level
Latin: 2 semesters of college study
German: 1 semester of college study; reading proficiency
Greek: intermediate college level; reading proficiency
French: 1 semester of college study; reading proficiency

AREAS OF ACADEMIC INTEREST

History of Metaphysics

Phil 738: Early Greek Philosophy	Kurt J. Pritzl, OP	Spring 2001
Phil 798: Aquinas on Aristotle's <i>Metaphysics</i>	John F. Wippel	Spring 2002
Phil 624: Aquinas on the <i>Book of Causes</i>	Gregory Doolan	Fall 2013
Phil 702: Descartes' <i>Meditations</i>	John C. McCarthy	Fall 2013
Phil 832: Kant's <i>Critique of Pure Reason</i>	Michael Rohlf	Spring 2013
Phil 814: Aristotle's <i>Metaphysics</i> (UA)	Robert Sokolowski	Fall 2014

Aristotelian Interpretations of Phenomenology

Phil 831: <i>Cartesian Meditations</i>	Robert Sokolowski	Fall 2012
Phil 708: Husserl's <i>Logical Investigations</i>	Robert Sokolowski	Spring 2014
Phil 926: Truth in Phenomenology and Metaphysics (UA)	Robert Sokolowski	Spring 2018

Aristotelian aesthetics and epistemology

Phil 761: Aquinas and the <i>De Anima</i>	Kevin White	Fall 2012
Phil 603: Ethics of Belief	James Brent, OP	Spring 2014
Phil 729: Aristotle's <i>Posterior Analytics</i>	Jean De Groot	Spring 2014
Phil 723: Aristotle's <i>De Anima</i> (UA)	Ignacio de Ribera Martin	Fall 2015

Free Will and Determinism

Phil 751: Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom	Brian Shanley, OP	Spring 2001
Phil 853: Augustine <i>On Free Choice of Will</i>	Brian Shanley, OP	Spring 2002
Phil 724: Aristotle's <i>Categories</i> and <i>On Interpretation</i>	Jean De Groot	Fall 2012
Phil 609: Virtue and Human Action	Robert Sokolowski	Spring 2014

INVITED DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER

“Maternal Prudence” Dominican Friars’ Mothers’ Retreat	September 2023
“Resting in His Truth” Crossroads 4 Christ Young Adult Conference (Putnam, CT)	March 2022
<u>Commentary on <i>The Sower Went Out to Sow: Short Parochial Sermons</i></u> John Paul II National Shrine (Washington, DC)	November 2021
<u>“How to Avoid Hearing God’s Voice (and Your Own)”</u> The Christi Distinguished Catholic Faith Lecture Series (Providence College, RI)	November 2021
<u>“Faith and Reason”</u> Crossroads 4 Christ Young Adult Conference (virtual)	May 2021
<u>“Stained Glass Stories”</u> WCUA interview (Washington, DC)	September 2020
<u>“Reason for Hope”</u> Crossroads 4 Christ Young Adult Conference (virtual)	May 2020
<u>“Lenten Reflection Series: the First Word from the Cross”</u> The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Washington, DC)	February 2018
“What Discernment Isn’t” “Discernment Traps, and How to Avoid Them” Diocese of Arlington Women’s Discernment Retreat (White Pine, VA)	June 2017
“Grace and Gadgets: Can Your Smart Phone Save You?” Providence College Theology on Tap (Providence, RI)	April 2016
“Temptation” University of Maryland Catholic Center (College Park, MD)	April 2016
“Gratitude, Sanity, and Sanctity” “Where does Forgiveness Begin?” “Childlikeness” “Laetare, Mater Dolorosa! The Blessed Mother’s Emotional Life (and Ours)” Christopolis (Washington, DC)	November 2014, March 2018, November 2019, May 2023
“I Thirst: Workaholism and the Desire for Peace” St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church (Thomas, WV)	October 2014
“Beginning at the End: the Why, Who, and How of Evangelization” St. Dominic’s Catholic Church (Washington, DC)	October 2014
“Feminist and Catholic?” “Spiritual Body-Building: Sports and the Virtuous Life” Alaskan Catholic Youth Conference (Anchorage, AK)	June 2007, June 2011
“Spiritual Warfare” Sacred Heart Cathedral (Knoxville, TN)	May 2011
“Keys to the Kingdom: No Money, No Honey, and a Boss” Theology on Tap (Sydney, AUS)	May 2008
“Kissing the Cross: the Christian Response to Suffering” Flame Group (Pymble, AUS)	March 2008
“The Call to Holiness” “Behold Your Mother” Youth 2000 (Cincinnati, OH)	April 2005, 2006