

MATTHEW J. ADVENT

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EDUCATION

The Catholic University of America (Expected) 2026
Doctor of Philosophy Washington, D.C.

The Catholic University of America January 2022
Licentiate in Philosophy Washington, D.C.
Thesis Title: Nature's Artist: Nutritive Soul as Cause in the *Generation of Animals*
Thesis Advisor: Rev. Ignacio de Ribera-Martín, Ph.D.

Florida State University May 2019
Master of Arts, Philosophy Tallahassee, FL
Committee Chair: Nathanael Stein
Committee Members: Randolph Clarke and John Roberts

Benedictine College May 2015
Bachelor of Arts Atchison, KS
Area of Concentration: Philosophy
Minor: Theology

Greenville Technical College May 2013
Associate of Arts Greenville, S.C.

AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

History of Philosophy (particularly Aristotle, Thomas Aquinas, and René Descartes), Philosophy of Nature and Metaphysics (particularly the soul), History of Economic Thought

PUBLICATIONS

Journal of Markets and Morality Volume 27, Number 1 Summer 2024
"Usury and Interest: Forgotten Contributions to the Thomistic Tradition."

The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly Volume 23, Issue 2. Summer 2023
Review of *Is St. Thomas' Aristotelian Philosophy of Nature Obsolete?* by Robert Koons

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Mercatus Center October 2024
"Hayek on Descartes and the Intellectual Roots of Socialism" Falls Church, VA

Acton Institute November 2023
"Usury and Interest in the Thomistic Tradition" Grand Rapids, MI

The Paradox of the Organism November 2022
"On Purpose, By Chance: Teleology and the Parts of Animals After Darwin" Georgetown University

The Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies
“Ungrounded Purpose: Descartes’ Treatment of Final
Causation in the Meditations on First Philosophy”

June 2019
St. Louis University

The Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies
“Intellectually Voluntary or Voluntarily Intellectual?
Aquinas on the Necessity of Thoughtful Decision”

June 2017
St. Louis University

FELLOWSHIPS

The Institute for Human Ecology
Graduate Student Fellow

Spring 2023 – Present
Washington, D.C.

Mercatus Institute
Adam Smith Fellow

Fall 2023 – Summer 2024
Arlington, VA

Mercatus Institute
Don Lavoie Fellow in Political Economy

Spring 2023
Arlington, VA

INVITED COLLOQUIA

The Lumen Christi Institute
“St. Thomas Aquinas on Free Choice”

June 2024
Chicago, IL

The Thomistic Institute
“Eucharistic Metaphysics”

July 2022
Washington, DC

The Lumen Christi Institute
“Aquinas’s Five Ways and Where They Lead”

June 2022
Chicago, IL

Acton Institute
“Markets and Responsibility”

April 2021
Grand Rapids, MI

The Lumen Christi Institute
“Metaphysics and the Soul in Thomas Aquinas”

June 2019
Chicago, IL

Acton Institute
“Liberty and the Intellectual Roots of Modern Market Economics”

November 2018
Grand Rapids, MI

Ludwig von Mises Institute
“Rothbard Graduate Seminar”

June 2015
Auburn, AL

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Catholic University of America
First Year Experience Teaching Fellow

August 2021 – Present
Washington, D.C.

The Catholic University of America
Research Assistant to Dr. Michael Gorman and Dr. Gregory Doolan

August 2019 – May 2021
Washington, D.C.

Florida State University
Copy Editor – *Social Theory and Practice*

July 2019 - December 2019
Tallahassee, FL

Florida State University
Teaching Assistant

August 2016 - May 2019
Tallahassee, FL

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The Catholic University of America
Instructor of Record – “The Classical Mind”
Developed and taught a course for freshman focused on ethics and political philosophy from Plato to Aquinas.

Washington, D.C.
Fall 2021-23

Instructor of Record – “The Modern Mind”
Developed and taught a course for freshman focused on ethics and political philosophy from Descartes to Rousseau.

Spring 2022-24

Florida State University

Tallahassee, FL

Teaching Assistant – to Dr. James Justus for “Environmental Ethics”

Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant – to Dr. Marie Fleming for “Philosophy of Mind”

Fall 2018

Teaching Assistant – to Dr. Aaron Vadakin for “Introduction to Philosophy”

Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant – to Dr. Nathanael Stein for “Introduction to Philosophy”

Fall 2017

Teaching Assistant – to Dr. James Justus for “Environmental Ethics”

Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant – to Dr. Marcela Herdova for “Introduction to Philosophy”

Fall 2016

LANGUAGES

German – Reading Competency

Latin – Reading Competency

Ancient Greek – Reading Competency