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Policy and Project Advisor, President's Office
Associate Professor of Philosophy, Center for Thomistic Studies
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, October 2015
Dissertation: "The Order of the Divine Names in the Writings of Thomas Aquinas."
Directed by John F. Wippel. Committee: Kevin White, Gregory T. Doolan

M.A., Philosophy (*magna cum laude*), Saint Louis University, January 2008
Thesis: "Connaturality and Prudence in St. Thomas Aquinas: Distinguishing between the Moral Scientist and the Virtuous Individual."
Directed by William Charron. Committee: John P. Doyle, Gregory Beabout

B.A., Philosophy and Classical Studies (*summa cum laude*), Saint Louis University, May 2005

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Policy and Project Advisor, President's Office, Spring 2026

Faculty Senate Vice Chair, Chair, Past Chair, 2023 – 2025

Director, Center for Thomistic Studies, 2021 – 2024

Chair, Department of Philosophy, 2021 – 2024

National Secretary, American Catholic Philosophical Association, 2019 – 2023

Associate Director, Center for Thomistic Studies, 2020

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Center for Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas, 2021 –

Aquinas Chair (Visiting Endowed Chair), Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome, Fall 2025

Assistant Professor, Center for Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas, 2019 – 2021

Assistant Professor, Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, 2016 – 2019

Instructor, Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, 2011 – 2016

PUBLICATIONS

Articles & Chapters

- “The Kataphatic and Apophatic Propriety of ‘*Qui Est*,’ in *Summa metaphysicae ad mentem Sancti Thomae*: Essays in Honor of John F. Wippel, ed. Therese Scarpelli Cory and Gregory T. Doolan (Washington DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2024), 297-316.
- “The Problem of Evil and the Nature of God: Divine Mercy and Sorrow in Thomas Aquinas,” in *Love Seeking Understanding: Aquinas, von Balthasar, and the Renewal of Sapiential Theology*, ed. Jacob Wood and Michael Altenburger (Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2024), 183-203.
- “Thomas Aquinas on the Proportionate Causes of Living Species,” in *Scientia et Fides* 8.2 (2020): 223-248.
-Revised version published in *Creation through Evolution: New Perspectives from Thomistic Philosophy and Theology* (Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2024).
- “Action, Supposit, and Subject: Interpreting *Actiones sunt suppositorum*,” in *Nova et Vetera (English edition)* 17.2 (2019): 545-65.
- “Definition: Theism,” co-Authored with David Twetten, Mark Johnson, Francisco Romero Carrasquillo, in *Theism and Atheism: Opposing Arguments in Philosophy*, ed. Graham Oppy, Joseph Koterski, et al. (Detroit: Gale, 2019), 1-17.
- “The Formal Constituent of the Divine Nature in Peter Ledesma, John of St. Thomas, and Vincent Contenson,” in *The Thomist* 82.1 (2018): 59–88.
- “The Transcendentals and the Divine Names in Thomas Aquinas,” in *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 92.2 (2018): 225–47.
- “Human Intellectual Potency and the ‘Genus of Intelligibles’ in Thomas Aquinas,” in *Consciousness and Self-Knowledge in Medieval Philosophy: Proceedings of the Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics*, ed. Gyula Klima and Alex Hall, vol. 14 (2018): 21–31.

Encyclopedia Entries

- “Barbara, Celarent,” “Enthymeme,” “Infinite Regress,” “Principle of Non-Contradiction,” “Supposition Theory,” “Syllogistic Moods,” “Universal Propositions,” in “Philosophy, Technical Terms in,” *New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2012-13: Ethics and Philosophy*. ed. Robert L. Fastiggi (Detroit: Gale, 2013).

Reviews

- Review of Hervaeus Natalis, *A Treatise of Master Hervaeus Natalis: On Second Intentions*, ed. and tr. John P. Doyle (Milwaukee: Marquette University, 2008) in *The Review of Metaphysics*, 64.1 (2010), 29–31.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “The Many Names of He Who Is,” Keynote Lecture, Angelicum Thomistic Institute Conference on the Divine Attributes, Rome, December 2025.
- “Water and Oil, or Water into Wine? St. Thomas and the Mixture/Subalternation of Sciences,” Thomistic Philosophy and Natural Science Symposium, Washington, DC, July 2025
- “The Relationship between Essence and *Esse* and the Genus/Categories Argument,” Workshop on Essence/Esse, Blackfriars & Campion Hall, Oxford University, June 2025.
- “The Distinction of Divine Attributes in Albert the Great and Thomas Aquinas,” Symposium Thomisticum, Prague, June 2025.
- “An Introduction to the Philosophy of Nature,” Thomistic Philosophy and Natural Science Symposium, Washington DC, July 2024.
- “The Problem of Evil and the Nature of God: Divine Mercy and Sorrow in Thomas Aquinas,” Symposium Thomisticum, Vienna, June 2024.
- “Introduction to Natural Philosophy,” Thomistic Philosophy and Natural Science Symposium, Washington DC, July 2023.
- “In Search of Perfecting Being: Divine Perfection in Aquinas in Light of Some Greek and Arabic Sources,” Symposium Thomisticum, Barcelona, June 2023.
- “Cognition as Human Act: The Volitional Unity of Consciousness in St. Thomas Aquinas,” Symposium Thomisticum, Krakow, June 2022.
- “The Multiplicity of the Divine Attributes in Albert and Thomas,” *Quidam enim dicunt*: Mendicant Theologies before Aquinas and Bonaventure, The Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, July 2019.
- “The Distinction of Divine Attributes and Their Analogous Predication in Aquinas,” colloquium session on “Natural Theology: Past and Present Disputations,” Oxford, July 2019.
- “The Apophatic and Kataphatic Propriety of *Qui est*,” Symposium Thomisticum, Rome, July 2019.
- “Thomistic Natural Philosophy in a Natural Order with a History,” Thomistic Philosophy and Natural Science Symposium, June 2019.
- “Analogy, Judgment, and Divine Naming in Aquinas,” The Center for Thomistic Studies session, Kalamazoo Medieval Congress, May 2019.
- “The Acting Soul and the Volitional Unity of Consciousness in Aquinas,” Satellite Session, American Catholic Philosophical Association, November 2018.
- “Divine Perfection in Avicenna, Averroes, and Aquinas,” Aquinas and the Arabs International Working Group, Mexico City, August 2018.

“Knowing God as ‘He Who is,’” Thomistic Institute Annual Philosophy Workshop at Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY, June 2018.

“‘Thomistic’ Objections against Evolution: Returning to First Principles,” Thomistic Institute and Society of Catholic Scientists Joint Workshop, June 2018.

“Moral Agency as Pure Perfection? Divine Goodness in Aquinas,” Thomas Aquinas Society, Kalamazoo Medieval Congress, May 2018.

“Action, Supposit, and Subject: *Actiones sunt suppositorum* in Aquinas,” The Morris Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, University of Colorado (Boulder), April 2018.

“Transcendental Goodness, Moral Goodness, and the Divine Goodness,” Satellite Session, American Catholic Philosophical Association, November 2017.

“Action, Supposit, and Subject: Interpreting *Actiones sunt suppositorum*,” at 2017 Dominican Colloquium in Berkeley, *Person, Soul, and Consciousness: Philosophical and Theological Perspectives*, July 2017

“The Formal Constituent (or Metaphysical Essence) of God in 17th Century Thomism,” Society for Medieval and Renaissance Thomism, American Catholic Philosophical Association, November 2016.

“Human Intellectual Potency and the ‘Genus of Intelligibles’ in Thomas Aquinas,” Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics, Kalamazoo Medieval Congress, May 2015.

“The *triplex via* and the order of the divine names in St. Thomas Aquinas,” CUA Workshop in Medieval Philosophy, February 2012.

“Reading Plato's *Gorgias* in Light of the *Republic* Books VIII and IX,” Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, November 2010.

INVITED LECTURES

“In Search of Perfect Being,” Medieval Philosophy Colloquium, University of Lucerne, December 2025.

“Aquinas and Perfect Being Theology,” Houston Symposium in Philosophy of Religion, Houston, November 2023.

“Is Certainty Possible in Science?,” Thomistic Institute, Cornell University, October 2023.

“St. Thomas Aquinas on Creation,” COLLIS Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture, Cornell University, October 2023.

“Simplicity,” “Perfection,” “Goodness,” invited presentations in graduate workshop on divine attributes, Thomistic Institute Angelicum, co-sponsored by Rutgers University, Rome, May 2023.

“The Existence of God,” Thomistic Institute, Youngstown State University, April 2022.

“Does God Exist?” Thomistic Institute, University of Tulsa, March 2022.

“Knowing Beyond Naming: Aquinas on the Names of God,” Thomistic Institute, University of California, Berkeley, April 2021.

“Between Animal and Angel: Human Nature According to Thomas Aquinas,” Thomistic Institute, University of Florida, March 2021.

“Good, Simple, and Eternal: What Philosophy Can Tell Us about God,” Thomistic Institute, Texas A&M University, March 2021.

“St. Thomas’s Fifth Way,” Thomistic Institute, Campus Chapter Leaders Retreat, Alabama, December 2020.

“Quidditative Knowledge of God and Analogy,” Thomistic Institute, Cornell University (Graduate Student Chapter), December 2020.

“Participation and the Problem of the One and the Many,” Thomistic Institute, Cornell University (Graduate Student Chapter), September 2020.

“Thomas Aquinas on the Proportionate Causes of Living Species,” Colloquium, Center for Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas, September 2020.

“Thomas Aquinas on Ways to God,” Lumen Christi Institute, University of Chicago, April 2020

“Aristotle and Aquinas on the Proportionate Causes of Living Species,” Aquinas Institute Seminar Series, Blackfriars, Oxford, March 2020.

“Does God Exist?” Thomistic Institute, University of Arizona, October 2019

“Evolution, Creation, and Christian Belief,” Thomistic Institute workshop, University of South Carolina, April 2019.

“The Multiplicity of Divine Attributes in Albert the Great and Thomas Aquinas,” Colloquium, Center for Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas, April 2018.

“Do We Have to Choose between Evolution and Creation?” Thomistic Institute at the United States Naval Academy, October 2017.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Ryan Doctoral Fellowship, Catholic University of America, 2007-2011
 James Collins Award for Undergraduate Excellence, Philosophy, 2005
 James Collins Award for Undergraduate Excellence, History, 2005
 Phi Beta Kappa, Saint Louis University, 2004
 Presidential Scholarship, Saint Louis University, 2001-2005

SERVICE

Professional

Secretary, American Catholic Philosophical Association, November 2019 – November 2023

Referee for journal articles: *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *The Thomist*, *International Journal for Systematic Theology*, *Modern Theology*, *Journal of Analytic Theology*

Reviewer for Catholic University of America Press

University of St. Thomas

Faculty Senate Past Chair, 2025-2026

Faculty Senate Chair, 2024-2025

Faculty Senate Vice Chair, 2023-2024

Core Fellow

Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception

Admissions Committee

Programmatic Review Committee

Thomistic Institute Committee

Library Committee

New Media Committee (*ad hoc* committee)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Catholic Philosophical Association

Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

American Philosophical Association

Academy of Catholic Theology

Society of Christian Philosophers

LANGUAGES

English: native

Latin and French: excellent reading knowledge

German, Spanish, Italian: reading knowledge

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