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Current Position

2025-Present Professor of Theology, University of St. Thomas Houston

Education

Ave Maria University, FL, PhD in Theology, 2014.
Major: Systematic Theology, Minor: Moral Theology
Dissertation: "The Eucharistic Theology of Albert the Great's *De Corpore Domini*"

Ave Maria University, FL, M.A. in Theology, 2011 Master's degree in Theology.
Thesis: "St. Jerome's Commentary on Nahum, Introduction and Translation."
Summa Cum Laude

Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti MI, Coursework in the field of Secondary
Education, 2008-2010

Entrance into Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, 2005

Ave Maria College, Ypsilanti MI, B.Phil. in Classical Languages and Early Christian
Literature, 2005
Summa Cum Laude (Salutatorian, Classics Department Award)
Provost Scholarship

Past Appointments

2022-2025 Associate Professor of Theology, University of St. Thomas Houston

2019-2022 Assistant Professor of Theology, University of St. Thomas, Houston

2017-2019 Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology, University of St. Thomas, Houston

2014-2017 Instructor of Theology and Research Fellow, Ave Maria University, Florida

Languages

Latin (fluency, published translations), Biblical Greek (competent), French (competent).

Academic Publications

Albert the Great's On the Sacraments. Fathers of the Church, Mediaeval Continuation series, The Catholic University of America Press. (Manuscript being edited for publication. Finished and submitted 2023. Being edited 2025-2026).

"Rejecting in *Remedium Tantum*: Albert and Aquinas on Marriage as Source of Grace and Occasion of Merit" in *Nova et Vetera*. Vol 24, No. 2 (2026): 571-586.

"Eucharist" in *T&T Clark Handbook of Biblical Thomism*. Ed. Matthew Levering, Piotr Roszak and Jörgen Vijen. Oxford: T&T Clark, February 2026.

"Signified but Not Contained: The (Limited) Power of the Sacraments in the Thought of St. Albert the Great" in *New Ressourcement*, 2 no. 3 (Fall 2025): 609-31.

"Looking Through the Lattices: Albert and Aquinas on the Sacramental Significance of the Eucharist" in *Thomas Aquinas and the Eucharist* ed. Michael Dauphinais, Andrew Hofer OP, and Roger W. Nutt. Sapientia 2025. 177-191.

An Eschatological Horizon: The Eucharist and Consecrated Virginity. VeritasAmoris.org. June 2024.

"Sacramental Wisdom: *Humilitatio, Eruditio, Exercitatio* in the Scholastics and Today," *Nova et Vetera*. Vol. 21.4. (2023), 1391-1413.

As Nimble as The Pen of a Scribe: The Mediating Tongue in Aquinas's *Commentary On The Psalms* in *Media Technologies and the Digital Humanities in Medieval and Early Modern Studies*, ed. Katharine Scherff, Lane J. Sobehrad. Routledge, 2023.

Thomas Aquinas: Commentary on the Psalms. Aquinas Institute Series. Vol. 29, Steubenville OH: Emmaus Academic Press, 2022.

“Tract 6: Eucharistic Life in a Weary World: Insights from Albert the Great” Tracts for the Times Feature, *Nova et Vetera*. Vol 20.3 (2022), 733-738.

“The Literal Sense of Scripture in Albert and Aquinas’s Eucharistic Theology,” *Studium: Filosofia y Teologia*. Vol.24.48. (2021), 39-64.

“Resurrection and Sacraments in the Systematic Theology of Albert the Great,” *Franciscan Studies*. Vol. 79.1 (2021), 57-80.

“The Experience of Eucharistic Beauty in Albert the Great’s *De Corpore Domini*,” *Nova et Vetera*. Vol. 17.3. (2019), 735-756.

“St. Therese of Lisieux, Feminism, and Eternity: In Conversation with Sr. Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ.” *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture*, vol 22.1 (2019), 80-106.

“Light and Darkness: Catherine of Siena and Mother Teresa on Sharing Christ’s Suffering,” in *Mother Teresa and the Mystics*, ed. Roger W. Nutt. Sapientia Press: 2018.

“Hunger and Thirst: Suffering with Christ in Sts. Catherine of Siena and Teresa of Kolkatta,” *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture*, vol 20.4. (2017), 13-28.

Albert the Great’s On the Body of the Lord. Fathers of the Church, Mediaeval Continuation series, vol 17. The Catholic University of America Press. 2017.

“Adoring and Eating: Reception of the Eucharist in the Theology of Albert the Great,” *Antiphon Journal*. Vol 20.3 (2016), 213-240.

“The Joy of Christ in St. Albert’s *De corpore domini*” in *Wisdom and the Renewal of Theology: Essays in honor of Matthew L. Lamb*. Ed. Thomas P. Harmon. Pickwick Publications: 2016.

“Sign and Symbol: Sacramental Experience in Albert’s *De corpore domini*.” *New Blackfriars*. (July 2016) 97: 479–491.

“St. Jerome’s Commentary on Nahum” in Volume I of *St. Jerome’s Commentaries on the Twelve Prophets* in the Ancient Christian Text series ed. Thomas Scheck. Intervarsity Press, 2016.

“Women Religious and the Social Apostolate” in Volume III of the *Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought, Social Science and Social Policy*. ed Michael L. Coulter. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press. 2012.

Academic Presentations:

Invited Speaker, “We Will Eat Our Own Bread: Divine Nourishment in Albert the Great’s *Commentary on Isaiah*,” for Reading Isaiah with Aquinas Conference, Mundelein University, November 7-9, 2025.

Invited Speaker, “The Power and Limitation of the Sacraments,” for *The New Ressourcement*, for Word on Fire on November 19–21, 2024, in Rochester, Minnesota.

“Rejecting *In Remedium Tantum*: Albert and Aquinas on Marriage as a Source of Grace. Aquinas 800, Notre Dame, September 2024.

Invited Speaker “An Eschatological Horizon: The Eucharist and Consecrated Virginity,” Truth of Love Conference, Steubenville, June 21-23, 2024.

Invited Plenary Lecture “Looking through the Lattices: Albert (and Aquinas) on the Sacramental Signification of the Eucharist” Thomas Aquinas and the Eucharist: Pathways to Revival, The Aquinas Center and Thomistic Institute, Ave Maria University, Feb. 1-3 2024.

“Philosophical Questions in Albert’s Eucharistic Theology,” presentation to a graduate seminar at the University of Notre Dame, March 6, 2023.

“Sacramental Honesty in Aquinas,” at the Eleventh International Thomistic Congress Sponsored by the Pontifical Academy of Saint Thomas Aquinas and the Thomistic Institute Angelicum, September 19-22 2022.

“Sacramental Wisdom: Humilitatio, Eruditio, Exercitatio in the Scholastics and Today,” at the Academy of Catholic Theology at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington DC, May 22-24, 2022.

“Humility, Instruction, and Exercise, from Hugh to Aquinas ,” at St. Thomas Aquinas as Spiritual Teacher Conference. Ave Maria University, February 10-12 2022.

“Food, Gift, Friendship: St. Albert on the Eucharist” for the St. Saviour’s Symposium, Dublin Ireland, March 24, 2022.

Invited Panel Response to Keynote at "Interpretation of Scripture and Ecclesial Exegesis: The Search for an Integrated Theology Conference" at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, Rochester, NY September 17-19, 2021.

“Reading the Bread of Life Discourse in Albert and Aquinas” at "Interpretation of Scripture and Ecclesial Exegesis: The Search for an Integrated Theology Conference" at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, Rochester, NY September 17-19, 2021.

“A Sign of Hope: The Sacramental Causality of Christ’s Resurrection in Albert the Great,” at Hope and Death: Christian Responses, Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal and the St. Paul Center for Biblical Studies, Ave Maria University, February 13, 2021.

“Resurrection and Sacraments in the Systematic Theology of Albert the Great,” *Quidam enim dicunt*: Mendicant Theologies before Aquinas and Bonaventure Conference, St. Bonaventure University, July 15-18, 2019.

“Therese, Feminism and Eternity,” Invited Speaker to the Catholicism, Culture and Modernity Faculty Seminar at Columbia University, May 1, 2019.

“The Influence of Aquinas’s Theology on his Poetic Understanding,” Aquinas the Biblical Theologian Conference, Ave Maria University, February 7-9, 2019.

“As Nimble as the Pen of a Scribe: The Mediating Tongue in Aquinas’s *Commentary on the Psalms*” at the Texas Medieval Association Conference, Oct. 18-20, 2019, at Texas State University.

“The Influence of Eucharistic Faith on Exegesis in St. Albert’s Biblical Theology,” Kalamazoo Medieval Conference, May 10-13 2018.

“St. Albert the Great's personal reactions to difficult questions about the Eucharist” at the Texas Medieval Association Conference. Sept. 29-30 2017, at Baylor University.

“Hunger and Thirst: Catherine of Siena and Mother Teresa on Sharing Christ’s Suffering” presented at *Mother Teresa and the Mystics: Towards a Renewal of Spiritual Theology* by the Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal at Ave Maria University, Feb 10, 2017.

“Eucharistic Beauty in St. Albert” presented at *You are Beauty* Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference 2016.

“St. Thomas Aquinas’s Thought on Creation and Contemplation in *Laudato Si*” at the *Leaven 2016 Conference* for the Diocese of Venice, Feb 20, 2016.

“The Joy of Christ in Albert the Great’s *De Corpore Domini*” at the “Wisdom and the Renewal of Theology Conference” at Ave Maria University, Feb 7, 2015.

“Sapiential Parallels: Incarnation and Eucharistic Change in St. Albert’s *De Corpore Domini*” at the *Ex Corde Ecclesiae Conference* hosted by the Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal at Ave Maria University, student session, Feb 8, 2014.

“The Social Apostolate of Women Religious,” at the *Famous Women in the Catholic Church Conference*, at The Blessed Edmund Rice School for Pastoral Ministry, Jan 11, 2014.

Selected University Service

Summer 2023 World Youth Day Portugal Trip

Faculty Senate Secretary, 2020 to present

Graduate Theology Committee, 2020 to present

Selected Popular Publications

“St. Albert the Great and Seminarians” in *Regina Cleri*. St. Mary’s Seminary, Fall 2019.

“Devotions and Discernment” in *And Mary’s Yes Continues*. Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. Lumen Ecclesiae Press, 2017.

“The Theology of Religious Life” in *And Mary’s Yes Continues*. Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. Lumen Ecclesiae Press, 2017.

“The Sacraments in Brideshead Revisited.” In *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*. Online publication. June 14 2017.

Collaborator in writing and compiling: *Manual for Marian Devotion*, (Tan Books: December 2016).

Presentations Related to Liberal Learning (for Core Criterion)

“Theology and Classical Education” in *Ex Cathedra*. Journal of Cathedral Highschool, Houston TX. Spring 2026

Core Panel: Presentation to Freshman Symposium. Fall 2023; October 20, 2022.

Selected Thomistic Institute Lectures

"Can we be Good Without God," a Thomistic Institute Lecture at Universidad Panamericana, April 23, 2026.

“The Profundity and Personalism of the Eucharist” a Thomistic Institute Lecture at University of California, Berkeley, February 27, 2025.

“Sacramentality of Creation” a Thomistic Institute Lecture at the University of Michigan, November 18, 2024.

“What if I Don’t Feel Anything When I Receive the Eucharist,” a Thomistic Institute Lecture at University of Oklahoma Norman, OK, April 4, 2024.

“[The Profundity and Personalism of the Eucharist](#),” a Thomistic Institute Lecture at University of Dallas, October 10, 2023.

“[The Caritative Fruit of the Eucharist](#)” at the Thomistic Institute Intellectual Retreat at the Dominican House of Studies, November 18, 2023.

“[The Sacramental Setting of the Eucharist](#)” at the Thomistic Institute Intellectual Retreat at the Dominican House of Studies, November 18, 2023.

“[Can We Be Good Without God?](#)” a Thomistic Institute Lecture at Trinity University, San Antonio, October 10, 2022.

Selected Popular Presentations:

“St. Albert on the Last Supper,” Holy Rosary Lenten Speaker Series, Holy Rosary Parish, March 27, 2025.

“[The Truth of the Eucharist](#),” Catholic Theology Show with Michael Dauphinais, episode 32, May 7, 2024.

“The Eucharist: An Intellectual Retreat for Student Leaders,” Thomistic Institute, Dominican House of Studies, November 17-18 2023.

“Three Medieval Spiritual Traditions,” Order of Malta Formation Meeting, April 8, 2022.

“Discernment: Making Holy Choices,” UST Women’s Retreat, March 5, 2022.

“Meet St. Albert the Great” Doctors of the Church Lecture Series, St. Edward’s Parish, January 26, 2022

“Eucharistic Beauty in St. Albert” UST Theology Summer Lecture Series, August 28, 2021.

Women's Easter Retreat Speaker, "Sarah, wife of Abraham" at Our Lady of Walsingham Parish: May 2021

“Modern Feminism and St. Therese of Lisieux” Deep Down Things Podcast Series, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota. April 7, 2021. [Modern Feminism and St. Therese](#)

“The Classroom as Sacrament(al)?” Podcast Series with Dr. George Harn, Spelunking with Plato, December 4, 2020. [The Classroom as Sacrament\(al\)? by Spelunking With Plato • A podcast on Anchor](#)

“St. Albert the Great, A Tweeting Public Intellectual” Podcast Series with Dr. George Harn, Spelunking with Plato, December 2, 2020. [St. Albert the Great, A Tweeting Public Intellectual? by Spelunking With Plato • A podcast on Anchor](#)

“Women in the Academy” at Intellectual Encounters at the Morningside Institute, New York, NY, May 3, 2019.

“Praying at University,” Speaker at Campus Ministry Peer Minister Orientation, University of St. Thomas, Houston, August 4, 2019

"Praying with Mary" Evening Seminar for SIW Household, Spring 2019.

“Prayer and Life,” Residence Life Student Event, University of St. Thomas, September 27, 2018.

“Beauty and the Eucharist in St. Albert” Adult Forum Lecture Series at Our Lady of Walsingham Parish, March 11, 2018.

“Praying with St. Dominic,” University of St. Thomas, Lenten Lecture series, March 8, Spring 2018.

Vocations Panel, University of St. Thomas, Fall 2017.

“Becoming a Woman of Prayer” to Women of Grace group, Ave Maria University, Spring 2017.

“Fasting in Preparation for Easter” to an Ave Maria University Student group, Spring 2016.

“Mary’s Role in our Redemption” Legion of Mary Barbeque AMU Chapter, Spring 2016.

“Keeping a Prayer Journal” to an Ave Maria University Women’s group, Fall 2015.

“Wisdom and the Sacraments” to the Catholic Student Group at Florida Gulf Coast - University, Spring 2015.

Book Reviews:

Aquinas on Human Self-Knowledge. Therese Scarpelli Cory. Heythrop Journal. 62.6 N November 2021.

Aristotle in Aquinas's Theology. Edited by Gilles Emery, OP and Matthew Levering. *Heythrop Journal*. November 2021.

Sartre and Theology. Kate Kirkpatrick. *Heythrop Journal*. March 2018.

Gift & Communion: John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Jarosław Kupczak, OP. Translated by Agata Rottkamp, Justyna Pawlak, and Orest Pawlak. *Heythrop Journal*. November 2017.

Sacrifice and Delight in the Mystical Theologies of Anna Maria van Schurman and Madame Jeanne Guyon. By Bo Karen Lee. *Heythrop Journal*. November 2017.

Paschal the Philosopher: An Introduction, by Graeme Hunter, *Heythrop Journal*. May 2017.

Questions on Aristotle's Categories by John Duns Scotus, translated by Lloyd A. Newton. In *Heythrop Journal*. January 2016.

Aristotle in Aquinas's Theology. Edited by Gilles Emery, OP and Matthew Levering. In *Heythrop Journal*. March 2016.

Aquinas and the Nicomachean Ethics. Edited by Tobias Hoffmann, Jörn Müller, and Matthias Perkams. In *Heythrop Journal*. July 2015.

Revolutionary Ideas by Jonathon Israel in *Heythrop Journal*. May 2015.

Nominations for the St. Thomas Aquinas Excellence in Teaching award at the University of St. Thomas, Houston:

2025-2026

2024-2025

2023-2024

2022-2023

2021-2022

2020-2021