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Contact Information

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Full-Time Appointments

University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX
- Associate Professor, Philosophy & Center for Thomistic Studies, Fall 2026–present
- Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Fall 2024–Summer 2026

Georgetown University, Washington, DC
- Assistant Teaching Professor (visiting), 2022–2024

Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA
- Lecturer (visiting), 2018–2022

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA
- Bellarmine Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, 2015–2018

St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT
- Visiting Instructor, 2012–2013

Education

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
- PhD, Philosophy, 2013

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN
- BA, Philosophy, 2005 (*summa cum laude*)

Dissertation

Title: *Suárez's Metaphysics of Efficient Causation*
Committee: Jeffrey Brower (director), Jan Cover, Michael Bergmann, Susan Brower-Toland (external examiner, Saint Louis University)

Areas of Specialization

- Medieval & Late Scholastic Philosophy
- Metaphysics & Philosophy of Nature

Areas of Competency

- History of Philosophy (esp. Ancient, Arabic-Islamic, Early Modern)
- Philosophy of Religion
- Epistemology
- Logic & Critical Thinking
- Ethics

Journal Articles & Book Chapters

(6)'Is Efficient Causation Intensional? Suárez on *Per Se* and *Per Accidens* Efficient Causation.' In *Suárez's Metaphysical Disputations: A Critical Guide* (Cambridge Critical Guides Series), edited by Shane Duarte and Sydney Penner. (Cambridge University Press, 2025): 181–198. [8,000 words]

(5) 'Durand and Suárez on Divine Causation.' In *Philosophical Essays on Divine Causation* (Routledge Studies in the Philosophy of Religion), edited by Gregory Ganssle. (Routledge, 2022): 82–101. [9,500 words]

(4) 'Suárez's Metaphysics of Active Powers.' *Review of Metaphysics* 74 (2020): 43–80. [16,200 words]

(3) 'Suárez on Creation and Intrinsic Change.' *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 93 (2019): 29–51. [10,800 words]

(2) 'Suárez's Non-Reductive Theory of Efficient Causation.' *Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy* 4 (2016): 125–58. [15,200 words]
- Received the Founders Award from the Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, 2015.

(1) 'Composite Substances as True Wholes: Toward a Modified Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Theory of Composite Substances' (with John Kronen). *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 41 (2011): 289–316. [12,700 words]

Book Reviews

(2) Review of *Pedro da Fonseca: Humanism and Metaphysics* (The Age of Descartes, vol. 8), edited by Simone Guidi and Mário de Carvalho. (Turnhout, Belgium: Brepols, 2023). *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 63 (2025): 653–54. [800 words].

(1) Review of *Suárez on Aristotelian Causality*(Investigating Medieval Philosophy, vol. 9), edited by Jakob Leth Fink. (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2015). *Speculum* 93(2018): 498–99. [900 words]

Journal Refereeing

American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly, *Faith and Philosophy*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Religious Studies*, *Res Philosophica*

Honors and Awards

Founders Award, Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, 2015. (Awarded for the best paper on Medieval or Renaissance philosophy by an early-career scholar.)

Purdue Research Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 2010–2012. (Awarded twice.)

Purdue Research Foundation Summer Research Grant, 2009.

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Purdue University, 2007–2010.

Ross Fellowship, Purdue University, 2006–2007. (Awarded to outstanding incoming PhD students).

Graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of St. Thomas, 2005.

Committee of 100 Scholarship, 2001–2005. (Awarded to children of police officers and firefighters from Tulsa, OK.)

National Merit Scholar, 2001.

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

(12) 'Aquinas on Action, Passion, and Intrinsic Change.' Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy Annual Meeting. Saint Louis University, June 2026.

(11) 'Seeing God Face to Face: Thomas Aquinas on Human Nature, Heaven, and the Body.' Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy Annual Meeting. Saint Louis University, June 2026.

(10) 'Aquinas on Action, Passion, and Intrinsic Change.' American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy Satellite Session. San Diego, March 2018.

(9) 'Intellectual Virtues in Ignatian Education.' Conference on The Idea of the Catholic University in the 21st Century. Loyola Marymount University, March 2018. (The link is to a YouTube video of the talk, which begins at minute 35.)

(8) 'Suárez's Non-Reductive Theory of Efficient Causation.' American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy Satellite Session. Washington, DC, January 2016.

(7) 'Suárez's Metaphysics of Creation.' American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy Satellite Session. Boston, October 2015.

(6) 'Suárez on the Nature and Definition of Active Causal Powers.' Midwest Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy. Marquette University, June 2014.

(5) 'Suárez's Non-Reductive Account of Action.' Workshop on Ancient and Medieval Interpretations of Aristotle's *Categories*. Franciscan University of Steubenville, April 2012.

(4) 'The Structure of Efficient-Causal Situations in Suárez's *Metaphysical Disputations*.' Midwest Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy. Marquette University, June 2011.

(3) 'The Structure of Efficient-Causal Situations in Suárez's *Metaphysical Disputations*.' Metaphysics: Aristotelian, Scholastic, Analytic. Czech Academy of Sciences, July 2010.

(2) 'No Miracles, and No Questions Begged? A Reply to Psillos's Argument for Scientific Realism.' Indiana Philosophical Association Annual Meeting. Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, November 2008.

(1) 'Composite Substances as True Wholes: Toward a Modified Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Theory of Composite Substances' (with John Kronen). Minnesota Philosophical Society, October 2006 (presented by John Kronen).

Other Presentations & Comments

(13) 'Seeing God Face to Face: Thomas Aquinas on Human Nature, Heaven, and the Body.' American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Satellite Session. Washington, DC, November 2026.

(12) 'Aquinas on Action, Passion, and Intrinsic Change.' American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Satellite Session. South Bend (IN), November 2025.

(11) Comments on Jeremy Skrzypek's 'The Virtues of Superessentialism.' American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Houston, November 2023.

(10) 'Is Efficient Causation Intensional? Suárez on *Per Se* and *Per Accidens* Efficient Causation.' Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy. New York City, May 2023.

(9) 'Aquinas on Action, Passion, and Intrinsic Change.' Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy. New York City, June 2022. (*presented virtually*)

(8) 'Is Efficient Causation Intensional? Suárez on *Per Se* and *Per Accidens* Efficient Causation.' Department of Philosophy Colloquium, Gonzaga University, February 2020.

(7) 'Is Efficient Causation Intensional? Suárez on *Per Se* and *Per Accidens* Efficient Causation.' American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy Satellite Session. Minneapolis, November 2019.

(6) 'Aquinas on Action, Passion, and Intrinsic Change.' Department of Philosophy Colloquium, Gonzaga University, November 2018.

(5) Comments on Chad Engelland's 'Dispositive Causality and the Art of Medicine.' American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Dallas, November 2017.

(4) Comments on Steven Baldner's 'Thomas Aquinas and Francisco Suárez on the Problem of Concurrence.' American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 2016.

(3) 'Suárez's Metaphysics of Creation.' Workshop on Medieval Natural Philosophy, in conjunction with the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science (HOPOS) Annual Meeting. University of St. Thomas (MN), June 2016.

(2) 'Suárez's Metaphysics of Creation.' Moody Conference in Medieval Philosophy and Logic. University of California, Los Angeles, February 2016.

(1) 'Suárez's Metaphysics of Active Powers.' Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy. Cornell University, May 2014.

Public Talks (Selected)

(4) 'Seeing God Face to Face: Thomas Aquinas on Human Nature, Heaven, and the Body.' Friends of the Doherty Library, University of St. Thomas, November 2025.

(3) 'Seeing God Face to Face: Thomas Aquinas on Human Nature, Heaven, and the Body.' Gonzaga Socratic Club, April 2022.

(2) 'Is Patriotism a Virtue?' Public Debate with Dr. Joan Braune, Gonzaga Philosophy of Law Club, October 2021.

(1) 'Intellectual Virtues in Ignatian Education.' Bellarmine Postdoctoral Fellows Seminar Meeting, Loyola Marymount University, March 2017.

Service to Profession

Treasurer, American Catholic Philosophical Association (ACPA), Nov. 2024–present

- Manage ACPA funds by paying out obligations, receiving payments, and rebalancing investments.
- Process stipend requests for ACPA conference participants (roughly 3 dozen per year).
- Maintain tax records to preserve non-profit status.
- Present annual financial reports to ACPA Executive Council.
- Serve as *ex officio* member of ACPA Executive Council.

Task Force on the Investments Portfolio Member (*ad hoc committee*), American Catholic Philosophical Association (ACPA), Mar. 2025–July 2025†

- Provided strategic guidance for investing ACPA financial assets (roughly $1,000,000).
- Presented recommendations to ACPA Executive Committee.

†My work with the Task Force began in Nov. 2024, before my official appointment.

University Service

Faculty Senate Parliamentarian, University of St. Thomas, Oct. 2025–present

- Attend meetings of faculty senate representatives and of the full senate.
- Ensure that meetings comply with Robert's Rules of Order.
- Provide logistical support to ensure that remote attendees can participate effectively.

Philosophy Club Faculty Advisor (*unofficial*), University of St. Thomas, Oct. 2024–present

- Attend Club meetings (roughly once per month).
- Oversee the Club's use of funds and University facilities.
- Maintain email list of Club members and interested students.
- Oversaw the rehabilitation of the Club during the 2024–25 academic year.

Comprehensive Exams Coordinator, Center for Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas, Aug. 2026–present

- Coordinate and administer written and oral comprehensive exams for MA and PhD students.
- Select exam questions and assign faculty to grade them.

Department of Philosophy Catalogue Committee Member (*ad hoc committee*), University of St. Thomas, Oct. 2024–Mar. 2025

- Updated Department of Philosophy course offerings in University catalogue, ensuring compliance with curriculum requirements.
- Wrote descriptions for new courses.
- Updated descriptions of existing courses.

MA Written Comprehensive Exam Evaluator, Gonzaga University, Spring 2019–Fall 2021

- Served as expert in Medieval Philosophy.
- Evaluated 12 exam questions—2 on Augustine, 9 on Anselm, and 1 on Aquinas.

MA Oral Comprehensive Exam Evaluator, Gonzaga University, Fall 2018

- Evaluated 1 candidate as a member of a panel of examiners.
- Served as expert in Medieval Philosophy.

- Exam included material on two dozen figures from the history of philosophy.

Graduate Teaching Assistant Supervisor

- Gonzaga University, Fall 2018–Fall 2020 and Fall 2021–Spring 2022; supervised 5 different grad students over the course of 7 semesters.
- Loyola Marymount University, Spring 2017; supervised 1 grad student who assisted with Medieval Philosophy.

Teaching Experience†

Graduate-Level Courses

- **Aquinas on Human Nature** [St. Thomas (TX)](*scheduled Spring 2027*)

Upper-Division Undergrad Courses

- **Aquinas** [Georgetown]
- **Ancient & Medieval Philosophy** [Georgetown]
- **Medieval Philosophy** [St. Thomas (TX), Purdue x2, Loyola Marymount]
- **Philosophy of Knowledge (Epistemology)** [St. Thomas (TX)]

Intermediate Undergrad Courses

- **Classical Islamic Philosophy** [Georgetown]
- **Metaphysics/Introduction to Metaphysics** [St. Thomas (TX) x3, Georgetown]
- **Epistemology** [Loyola University Chicago]
- **Free Will and Moral Theory in Medieval Philosophy** [St. Michael's College, Dominican University (IL)]
- **Symbolic Logic** [Purdue]
- **Biomedical Ethics** (as teaching assistant) [Purdue]

Lower-Division Undergrad Courses

- **Philosophy of Human Nature/Person** [St. Thomas (TX) x3; Gonzaga x8, incl. 4 partly or fully online; Loyola University Chicago; St. Thomas (MN)]
- **Introduction to Philosophy** [Georgetown x4; Loyola Marymount x6; St. Michael's College x2; Purdue Northwest; St. Xavier University (IL)]
- **Ethics** [St. Thomas (TX) x2 (incl. x1 online asynchronous), Purdue x2, Dominican University (IL), St. Catherine University]
- **Ancient Theories of Happiness** (cross-listed with Humanities) [Purdue Northwest]
- **Critical Thinking** [Gonzaga x7, incl. x3 partly or fully online]

†Titles of some courses have been edited for clarity.

Dissertation Committees

- Jon Haines, 'Technology and Aristotelian-Thomistic Politics in the Thought of Yves R. Simon,' 2026. (*member*)

Languages

- Latin (advanced reading)
- German (basic reading)

Professional Organizations

- American Catholic Philosophical Association
- Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy
- Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics
- Society for Medieval and Renaissance Thomism
- Philosophers in Jesuit Education
- Thomistic Institute (Georgetown Chapter)

References

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Purdue University

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