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Curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D., Systematic Theology, Ave Maria University
Defended with distinction on March 16, 2017
- Dissertation Title: The Twentieth Century Intra-Thomistic Disputation on Grace, Predestination, and the Permission of Sin
- Dissertation Director: Steven Long, Ph.D.
Dissertation Board Members: Michael Waldstein, Ph.D., Roger Nutt, S.T.D
- 2011 M.A., Historical and Systematic Theology, Catholic University of America
- Research Theses:
1. The Knowledge of Christ as Understood by Réginald Garrigou-Lagrange in *Christ the Savior* and Its Reconciliation with Certain Gospel Passages (Directed by Rev. John Galvin, Th.D.)
 2. The Dispute of Predestination in the Theories of St. Thomas Aquinas and Luis de Molina (Directed by Rev. Thomas Weinandy, Ph.D.)
- 2009 B.S., Religious Studies, The University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Religious Studies – Mount Mercy University (2017 – Present)

Christian Moral Life
Faith & Reason
Introduction to Christianity
New Testament
The Philosophy and Theology of Dante's *Divine Comedy* (Co-taught with Bryan Cross)
Suffering and Death in Christian Thought
Theology of the Church Fathers (Directed Study)

World Religions
Capstone Thesis (Directed Study)

Adjunct Professor, Theology – Ave Maria University

Graduate Courses (2018 – Present)

Fundamental Moral Theology (MA program)

Undergraduate Courses (2016 – 2017)

Introduction to Sacred Scripture
Living in Christ: Moral Theology

Teaching Assistant – Ave Maria University (2015 – 2016)

Introduction to Sacred Scripture
Living in Christ: Moral Theology

High School Instructor – Freedom Project Academy (2012 – Present)

Bible as Culture I
Bible as Culture II
Formal Logic
Material Logic
Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Books Written

Grace, Predestination, and the Permission of Sin: A Thomistic Analysis (Washington D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2019).

The Felicity of Evil: Providence and the Doctrine of Eternal Hell (Title is tentative; currently writing).

Books Edited

She Orders All Things Sweetly: Sacra Doctrina and the Sapiential Unity of Theology, co-edited with Joshua Madden, Ph.D. (under review with Cluny Media).

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

“Was Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange a Personalist? A Rapprochement Between the Individual-Person Distinction and the Primacy of the Common Good Contra Maritain’s Personalism,” in *Reality: A Journal for Philosophical Discourse*. Published online March 20, 2020. Forthcoming in print.

“*Mater Dei Ergo Gratia Plena: On the Predestination of Mary to Divine Maternity as the Reason for Her Radical Plenitude of Grace*” in *Ecce Mater Tua: A Journal of the International Marian Association*, vol. 2 (May 31, 2019), 25 – 44.

“Jacques Maritain and Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange on the Permission of Evil” in *The Heythrop Journal* 60, no. 5 (2019): 699 - 710.

“Josef Pieper’s Primordial Revelation and the Historical Integrity of Philosophy” (under review).

Book Chapters Contributed

“The Thomistic Doctrine of Exhaustive Divine Providence,” in *T&T Clark Companion to Divine Providence*, edited by Timothy G. Hardman (London: T&T Clark/Bloomsbury). Forthcoming.

“The Meeting of Time and Eternity: Philosophy, Revelation, and the Book of Ecclesiastes,” in an as yet untitled festschrift in honor Peter Kreeft edited by Brandon Voght (Ignatius Press, forthcoming).

“The Dark Night of Mother Teresa, the Three Ages of the Spiritual Life, and the Witness of the Mystics” in *Mother Teresa and the Mystics: Toward a Renewal of Spiritual Theology*, edited by Michael Dauphinais, Brian Kolodiejchuk, M.C., and Roger W. Nutt (Ave Maria, FL: Sapientia Press, 2018).

“The Primacy of the Speculative in All Things Practical: A Thomistic Critique of a so-Called Practical or Experiential Theology” in *She Orders All Things Sweetly: Sacra Doctrina and the Sapiential Unity of Theology*, edited by Joshua Madden and Taylor Patrick O’Neill (under review with Cluny Media).

Book Reviews

That All Shall be Saved by David Bentley Hart in *Nova et Vetera* (was requested to review by editor; currently writing).

Divine Providence: God’s Love and Human Freedom by Bruce R. Reichenbach on The American Academy of Religion’s site *Reading Religion* (published online December 12th, 2016).

General Principles of Sacramental Theology by Roger W. Nutt. “Demonstrating the Sacraments as the Spiritual Heartbeat of the Church,” on Thomistica.net (published online May 9th, 2017).

Thomism and Predestination: Principles and Disputations edited by Steven A. Long, Roger W. Nutt, and Thomas Joseph White, OP. "Praemotio Physica and Predestination," on Thomistica.net (published online January 1st, 2017).

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers Presented

- 2021 "The Compatibilism of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Purchase of Creaturely Free Will at the Risk of Sin"
Symposium Thomisticum V's "Aquinas on Action," June 4 – 6.
(Krakow, Poland)
- 2020 "‘Grace for Grace’: The Doctrine of Merit and the Heresy of Pelagianism from Augustine to Thomas to Trent"
The Sacra Doctrina Project and Mount Mercy University's "Development of Doctrine: Revelation, Magisterium, and Human Reason," June 18 – 20.
(Cedar Rapids, IA)
- 2019 "Josef Pieper's 'Primordial Revelation' and the Historical Integrity of Philosophy"
American Catholic Philosophical Association's 2019 annual meeting, "A Perennial Philosophy of Nature," November 21 – 24.
(Minneapolis, MN)
- 2019 "Aquinas on Genesis and Original Sin: Harmonizing Scripture and the Contemporary Science of Death and Evolution"
St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology and the Aquinas Center of Ave Maria University's "Aquinas the Biblical Theologian," February 8 – 9.
(Ave Maria, FL)
- 2018 "Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange and Charles DeKoninck: A Rapprochement"
Franciscan University of Steubenville's M.A. Program in Philosophy's "Personalism and its Relation to the Christian Intellectual Tradition," May 18 – 19
(Steubenville, OH)
- 2017 "Mother Teresa's Dark Night, the Unitive Way, and the Witness of the Mystics"

The Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal's "Mother Teresa and the Mystics: Toward a Renewal of Spiritual Theology" February 10 – 11
(Ave Maria, FL)

- 2016 "The Danger of Educational Libertarianism"
Donahue Academy's "The Gravity of Education: Catholic Education 50 Years After *Gravissimum Educationis*" May 13 – 14
(Ave Maria, FL)
- 2016 "Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange and Jacques Maritain on the Permission of Evil"
The Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal and The Thomistic Institute's "Thomism and Predestination: A Theological Symposium" January 25 – 27
(Ave Maria, FL)

Leading Faculty & Presenter

- 2020 Summer Theology Program on St. Thomas' Treatise on the Virtue of Faith.
The Albertus Magnus Center for Scholastic Studies in collaboration with the Aquinas Institute. Madison, WI. July 27 – 31.
(Leading seminar discussions of the text and presenting a lecture entitled, "Theology as Sacred Science")
- 2019 Summer Theology Program on St. Thomas' Commentary on the Epistle to the Galatians.
The Albertus Magnus Center for Scholastic Studies in collaboration with the Aquinas Institute. Wausau, WI. August 12 – 16.
(Led seminar discussions of the text and presented a lecture entitled "Grace for Grace: St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Augustine Contra Martin Luther on Grace, Freedom, and Justification by Works")

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Founding Member

- 2018 - Present The Sacra Doctrina Project (www.sacradoctrinaproject.org)
- 2017 Professional Development Colloquia – Patrick F. Taylor Graduate Programs at Ave Maria University

Committee Member

- 2020 Search Committee for open position of Assistant Professor in Philosophy
Mount Mercy University
- 2018 Search Committee to fill the open position of Dean of The Martin-Herold
College of Nursing and Health – Mount Mercy University
- 2018 – Present Academic Integrity Committee – Mount Mercy University

Managing Editor

- 2016 – Present Thomistica.net

LANGUAGES

English (Native)
French (Professional Reading Proficiency)
Greek (Limited Reading Proficiency)
Latin (Professional Reading Proficiency)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Fellowship of Catholic Scholars
American Maritain Association
The Sacra Doctrina Project
American Catholic Philosophical Association

POPULAR WORK

Publications

Currently completing two requested pieces for *First Things*:

- 1) An article examining the misunderstood nature of Julian of Norwich's *Showings*.
- 2) A review of Matthew K. Miner's translation of Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, *Philosophizing in Faith: Essays on the Beginning and End of Wisdom*.

"Deciphering the CDF on Hysterectomy and Sterilization," *Church Life Journal*. Published on June 19th, 2019.

"Subordinated Causality as Illustration of Philosophy's Service to Theology," *Thomistica*. Published on December 21st, 2018.

“A Defense of Ultramontaniam Contra Gallicanism,” *Church Life Journal*. Published on October 12th, 2018.

“*In Memoriam*: Fr. Matthew Lamb Remembered by Two of His Students,” co-written with Kevin Clarke. *Homiletic & Pastoral Review*. Published on January 18th, 2018.

Invited Popular Appearances

Theology on Tap. Diocese of Des Moines’ Young Adult Ministry. April 16 – 17, 2020.
(Two talks entitled, “St. Thomas Aquinas on Friendship Today.”)

Outside the Walls, Iowa Catholic Radio and Oklahoma Catholic Radio. March, 21, 2020.
(Spoke on the cancellation of public Masses, prudence, and the Eucharistic theology of St. Thomas Aquinas).

Mount Mercy University Panel Discussions on *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* (04/04/2019) and *Gaudete et Exsultate* (05/03/2018).

Westminster Presbyterian Church of Cedar Rapids. February – March, 2019.
(Invited to give a three-day lecture series on Christian Moral Theology for the Adult Education Program.)

The UnCommon Good with Bo Bonner and Dr. Bud Marr, Iowa Catholic Radio. January 31, 2018.
(Spoke on a modern analysis of *Rerum Novarum*.)

Invited speaker on multiple podcasts including: The Classical Theism Podcast, Reason and Theology, and Mere Orthodoxy.

AREAS OF INTEREST

St. Thomas Aquinas and the Thomistic Commentatorial Tradition
Providence, Grace, and Predestination
The Problem of Evil
The Moral Object and the Role of the Passions in the Moral Life
The Natural Desire to See God/The Relationship Between Nature and Grace
Spiritual Theology and the Three Ages of the Spiritual Life
Thomism and Nouvelle Théologie
The Sacraments and Sacramental Efficacy

OTHER SERVICE

July 2008 – June 2009

Father Carr's Place 2B
Oshkosh, WI

Full-time, live-in volunteer at food bank and men's shelter for the homeless.