

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Systematic Theology, Minor: Moral Theology, Ave Maria University, 2012.

Dissertation: “One and the Same Lord: The Thomistic Teaching on the Existence of Christ.” Directed by Dr. Roger Nutt

Bachelor of Sacred Theology (S.T.B) Pontifical University of St. Teresa, Rome, 2006

Summa cum laude. Comprehensive exam presentation: “The Theological Virtues.”

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts, Thomas Aquinas College, 1999. Thesis: “Whether it is

Moral to Act Contrary to Natural Inclination.”

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, University of St. Thomas,

Associate Professor, 2014-present. Tenure granted August 2020.

Classes taught:

Ecclesial Spiritual Theology, Summer 2020, Murray Institute.

Eucharist, Fall 2014, 2015, 2016, 217 Spring 2017, 2021

Christian Theology of God, Fall 2014

Readings in Aquinas: Prima Pars, Fall 2014

The Theology of Mary: Spring 2015, Summer, 2019

Christology: Spring 2015, 2021

Readings in Aquinas: Secunda Secundae Partis, Fall 2015, 2017, 2020

The Christian Theological Tradition, January Term 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Fundamental Moral Theology, Spring 2016, Summer 2021

Introduction to the Virtues, Spring 2016

Catholic Sacramental Worship, Summer 2016

Sexual Morality, Fall 2016, Spring 2018

Introduction to Sacraments and Worship, Spring 2017, 2018, 2019

Women Doctors of the Church: Spring 2019

Nature and Mission of the Church: Summer 2021

Independent Studies taught:

Readings in Aquinas: Prima Pars, Summer 2017

Theology of the Church, Summer 2017

Reading in Aquinas, Prima Secundae Partis, Summer 2018

Eucharist, Summer 2016, 2019

Women Doctors of the Church Summer, 2018

Formational Theology, Spring 2019

Liturgy, Spring 2021

University of St. Thomas (Houston), Visiting Assistant Professor 2013-2014

Classes taught:

Introduction to Sacred Scripture, Fall 2013

Teachings of the Catholic Church, Fall 2013, Spring 2014

Christ and the Moral Life, Spring 2014

The Theology of St. Thomas Aquinas, Summer 2014

Bl. Edmund Rice School of Pastoral Ministry in association with Barry University,

Adjunct Professor, 2011-2013

Classes taught:

Spirituality, Fall 2011, Spring 2012

Theology of the Body, Fall, 2012

Moral Theology, Fall 2012, Spring 2013

Ave Maria University, Adjunct Professor, 2011-2013

Classes taught:

Teacher's Assistant for Senior Theses in Theology, Spring 2011

Introduction to Sacred Scripture, Fall 2011, Fall 2012

Living in Christ, Catholic Morality Fall 2012, Spring 2013

Sacred Doctrine, Summer 2013

Christ and His Church, Spring 2019 (online)

Religious Life

Discalced Carmelite Brother in temporary vows for the CA-AZ Province, 2001-2006

High School Teaching

Rhodora J. Donahue Academy, part-time Latin teacher, 2010-2012

St. Stephen Academy, full-time teacher of liberal arts and science, 2007-2008

St. Augustine Academy, full-time teacher of liberal arts and science, 1999-2001

PUBLICATIONS

Translation

“Hugh of St. Victor: *On the Sacraments of the Faith, Book II, Part I.*” Translation with introduction and notes, in *Victorine Christology: A Selection of Works*, Victorine Texts in English Translation, vol. 7, ed. Christopher P. Evans, (Turnhout: Brepols, 2018).

Peer Reviewed Articles

“Promulgation as Formal Cause in St. Thomas Aquinas’s Definition of Law”
Angelicum, 97/2 43-60 (2021)

“Maritain’s Metaphysical Christology: Unity of Person, Primacy of *Esse*, Integrity of Essence”
in *In Search of Harmony: Metaphysics and Politics*, ed. James G. Hanink (American Maritain Association through CUA Press, 2019).

“Lonergan on the *Esse* of Christ”
The Josephinum Journal of Theology, 25 (1&2) (2018).

“Two Teresas, Moral Virtue, and Union with Christ” in *Mother Teresa and the Mystics: Toward a Renewal of Spiritual Theology*, ed. Michael Dauphinais, Brian Kolodiejchuk, MC, and Roger W. Nutt, (Sapientia Press, 2018).

“Joy as Spiritual Perception in C.S. Lewis”
The Heythrop Journal, 58 (2) (2017).

“God’s Self-Gift and the Created Supernatural: Matthew Lamb’s Lonerganian Account”
in *Wisdom and the Renewal of Catholic Theology* ed. Roger Nutt and Thomas Harmon (Wipf and Stock, 2016).

“Christ’s *Esse Secundarium*: An Analogical Use of *Esse*, by which He is Human”
The Thomist, 78 (4) (Oct. 2014).

“Glory as the Gift of Grace in the Gospel of John”
The Downside Review, (Oct. 2011).

Book reviews

Grace, Predestination, and the Permission of Sin: a Thomistic Analysis, in *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 95 (2):347-349 (2021).

General Principles of Sacramental Theology, by Roger W. Nutt, *Nova et Vetera* 16 (4) (2018).

The Devil in Disguise: Deception, Delusion, and Fanaticism in the Early English Enlightenment, by Mark Knights, May, 2017, *The Heythrop Journal*

Surnaturel: A Controversy at the Heart of Twentieth Century Thomistic Thought, ed. Serge-Thomas Bonino, Nov. 2017, *The Heythrop Journal*.

A Frightening Love: Recasting the Problem of Evil, by Andrew Gleeson, Dec. 2014, *The Heythrop Journal*.

Chalice of God: A Systematic Theology in Outline, by Aidan Nichols, March 2013, *The Heythrop Journal*.

CONFERENCE PAPERS, PARTICIPATION

“The Whole Doctrine is about the Grace of Christ: St Thomas on the Theme of St. Paul Letters”
Co-sponsored: the Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal and the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, Ave Maria University, Feb. 2019.

“Maritain’s Metaphysical Christology”
American Maritain Association, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, March 2017.

“Three Virtues Key to Contact with Christ: Works of Mercy and Divine Concourse”
Aquinas Center Conference on Mother Teresa and Spiritual Theology, Ave Maria University, Feb. 2017.

“Subsistence in the Christology of Thomas Aquinas and Hugh of St. Victor.”
Congress on Medieval Studies, W. Michigan University, Kalamazoo, May 2015.

“The Extent of Joy’s Promise: Can We Argue that Heaven Exists from Desire?”
Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization, Benedictine University, March 2015.

“God’s Self-Gift and the Created Supernatural: Matthew Lamb’s Lonerganian Account”
A Conference in Honor of the Theological Legacy of Father Matthew Lamb, Ave Maria University, February 2015.

“What does the *De Unione Verbi Incarnati* Add to the Christology of St. Thomas Aquinas?”
International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 2014.

“Is St. Thomas an Indeterminist? A Closer Look at Charles De Koninck’s Analysis”
Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas Conference, University of St. Thomas,
Oct. 2013.

“Is the Joy of C.S. Lewis a Mystical Experience?”
Summer C.S. Lewis Conference, San Diego University, June 2013.

“McInerny and Maritain on Natural Law”
Philosophy in Theological Education Conference, Ave Maria University, Feb. 2011.

“The Connaturality of the Gift of Wisdom”
American Maritain Association, Walsh University, Oct. 2010.

Attendance at Symposia, Conferences

Faith Food and Environment: the Vocation of an Agricultural Leader, Discussion facilitator,
University of St. Thomas, 2014.

Academy of Catholic Theology Conference: The End Before the End: The Contemporary
Importance of Eschatology (in attendance), CUA, Washington D.C., May 2018.

The Institute for Priestly Formation, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary: Exploring the Ratio
Fundamentalis: Configuration to the Heart of Christ, (in attendance) Boynton Beach, March
2019.

INVITED LECTURES

“Christ as Image in Western Theology”
Invited lecture to the Jesuit novitiate community in Saint Paul MN, Nov 2017.

“Always, or for the Most Part: Thomism and Natural Determinism”
Invited talk, The Center of Thomistic Studies Colloquium Series, Houston, Feb.14, 2014.

“Being Mindful of God’s Abiding Presence in a Busy Life”
Lenten Lecture Series, University of St. Thomas (Houston), March 5, 2014.

Teleconferenced series of eight lectures at the Rice School and three parishes of the diocese of
Venice, FL: “The Catechism on Prayer,”; “Christ as the Center of the Spiritual Life,”; “The

Indwelling of the Trinity,”; “The Beatitudes: Characteristics of Christ and the Christian,” Oct. 2012-March 2013.

“The Universal Call to Holiness”

Sixteen hour conference for the deacons of the diocese of Venice, FL, Feb-April 2012.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

University level

Program Director, Master of Arts in Pastoral Leadership, 2020-Present

University of Saint Thomas Faculty Senator, 2014-17.

Curriculum Implementation Committee, Saint Paul Seminary 2016-2017.

Graduate Studies Committee, 2017-present, Chair since 2018.

Faculty Development Committee 2018-present.

Academic Advisor for 8-15 seminarians, 2014-present.

A member of 18 MAT comprehensive exam committees.

Directed 3 MAT theses to completion, Currently directing two.

Professional level

Delivered a five-hour conference for the diaconal aspirants of the Saint Paul-Minneapolis Archdiocese, “The Theology of the Body: Structure, Content, and Significance” May, 2018.

Participant in interdisciplinary faculty seminar at the University of St. Thomas, "Religious Experience and the Transformation of Human Cognition: Approaches to Spiritual Perception," led by Paul Gavriluk and Mark Spencer, seven two hour meetings, Fall 2015.

Participant in interdisciplinary reading group at the University of St. Thomas on Christian Moral Wisdom and Contemporary Psychology, led by Timothy Pawl and Angela Sabates (Bethel University), Five two hour meetings, Fall 2018.

Ad hoc peer reviewer for articles submitted to *The Thomist*, *Nova et Vetera*, and *Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *Studia Gilsonia*

Community Involvement

Member of Formation Day Committee for the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis. 2018-Present

Participant in 'Praise be to You! An Integral Ecology Immersion Series' sponsored by the Chapelstone Foundation.

Active in Minnesota Hands and Voices, a community of families with children who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Participant Deaf Mentorship Program. 2019-2020

Active parishioner at St. Joseph parish, West St. Paul

Husband and father of three.

Professional Associations

American Maritain Association. Academy of Catholic Theology.

LANGUAGES

Ancient:

Latin, extensive reading knowledge, teaching experience.

Greek, three semesters.

Hebrew, one semester.

Modern:

Italian, extensive reading knowledge, lived in Italy, course work in Italian.

Spanish, extensive reading knowledge.

French, passed proficiency test.

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