

Brandon L. Wanless

Curriculum vitae

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Assistant Professor of Dogmatic Theology

The Saint Paul Seminary, University of St. Thomas

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EDUCATION

Ave Maria University

Ph.D. in Theology

Dissertation: "Aquinas on the Unity of Species in the Trinity"

Director: Michael A. Dauphinais, Ph.D.

Internal Reader: Roger W. Nutt, S.T.D.

Ave Maria, FL

2022

External Reader: John F. Boyle, Ph.D.

The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity

University of St. Thomas

M.A. in Theology

Thesis: "Universality and the Divine Essence"

St. Paul, MN

2015

Director: Stephen A. Hipp, S.T.D.

St. Mary's University of Minnesota

B.A. in Philosophy

Winona, MN

2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity

University of St. Thomas

Assistant Professor of Dogmatic Theology

St. Paul, MN

Fall 2022 - Present

Saint Agnes School

Upper School Theology Teacher

St. Paul, MN

Fall 2017 - Spring 2022

Ave Maria University

Adjunct Professor of Theology

Teaching Assistant

Ave Maria, FL

Fall 2016 - Spring 2018

Spring 2016

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Blind Peer-Reviewed Articles

"St. Thomas Aquinas and St. John Paul II on the State of Original Innocence." *Studia Gilsoniana*, vol. 12, no. 4 (October-December 2023).

"The Vocation of a Seminary Theologian." *Seminary Journal*, vol. 20, no. 1 (May 2023).

"St. Thomas Aquinas on Original Justice and the Justice of Christ: A Case Study in Christological Soteriology and Catholic Moral Theology." *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association*, vol. 90 (2017): 201-216.

Book Reviews

Review of *The Thomistic Response to the Nouvelle Théologie: Concerning the Truth of Dogma and the Nature of Theology*, ed. Jon Kirwan, trans. Matthew K. Miner (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2023), for *European Journal for the Study of Thomas Aquinas*, vol. 41, no. 1 (October 2023): 86-87.

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Review of *De Sortibus: A Letter to a Friend about the Casting of Lots*, trans. Peter Carey, ed. Jane Shannon (Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2021), for *Reading Religion*, March 17, 2023.

PRESENTATIONS

Academic Conference Presentations

“The Possibility and Priority of Self-Love in the Thought of St. Thomas Aquinas: Implications Regarding the Demonstrations of God as Trinity,” Christendom College Symposium on the Most Holy Trinity: April 12-14, 2024 (*accepted*)

“*Mysterium Fidei*: Aquinas on the Eucharist as a Cause of Faith” (Part II of II), Thomas Aquinas and the Eucharist Conference, Ave Maria University: February 1-3, 2024 (*accepted*)

“The Difference between Self-Love and Self-Justice in the Thought of Aquinas: Implications for the Natural Knowability of God as Trinity,” Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, The Sacra Doctrina Project Satellite Session II: November 17-19, 2023

“Aristotle’s ‘Metaphorical Justice’ and Paul’s ‘Justified by Faith’ in the ‘Justification of the Sinner’ of Thomas Aquinas’s Biblical Commentaries,” Annual Meeting of the International Society of Medieval Theology (IGTM): June 29-July 1, 2023

“Aquinas on the Justification of the Sinner and the Theological Virtues: Understanding the Perfective Causality of Faith in Terms of ‘Personal Justice’,” The Sacra Doctrina Project Conference: June 8-10, 2023

“*Mysterium Fidei*: Aquinas on the Eucharist as a Cause of Faith” (Part I of II), The Holiness of God and the Mystery of the Eucharist Conference, Ave Maria University: February 2-4, 2023

“The Unity of the Universal Species as an Analogy for the Unity of the Trinity in the *Prima pars*,” 57th International Congress on Medieval Studies: May 9-14, 2022

“The Unity of the Divine Essence and the Unity of the Universal Species: Conclusions of Research in the Trinitarian Thought of St. Thomas Aquinas,” Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, The Sacra Doctrina Project Satellite Session II: November 19-21, 2021

“The Unity of the Trinity and the Universal Species in the *Scriptum super Sententiis* of St. Thomas Aquinas,” 56th International Congress on Medieval Studies: May 10-15, 2021

“The Unity of Species and the Unity of the Trinity in the *Lectura Romana*: St. Thomas Aquinas and St. John of Damascus,” 54th International Congress on Medieval Studies: May 9-12, 2019

“The Unity of the Triune Godhead in St. Thomas Aquinas’s *Lectura in evangelium Ioannis*,” Aquinas the Biblical Theologian Conference, Ave Maria University: February 7-9, 2019

“Aquinas and Damascene on the Common Nature of the Triune Godhead,” Thomas Aquinas and the Greek Fathers Conference, Ave Maria University: January 26-27, 2018

“Mother Teresa and the Pauline Mysticism of Living in Christ,” Mother Teresa and the Mystics Conference, Ave Maria University: February 10-11, 2017

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“St. Thomas Aquinas on Original Justice and the Justice of Christ: A Case Study in Christological Soteriology and Catholic Moral Theology,” Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association: November 3-6, 2016

“Education, the Basis of Culture: Reading *Gravissimum Educationis* with Josef Pieper,” *The Gravity of Education* Conference, Donahue Academy: May 13-14, 2016

“The Signification of the ‘Name’ of the Trinity in Sacramental Formulae,” Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies: March 6-8, 2014

“St. Thomas Aquinas and the Eastern Fathers on the Union of the Incarnation,” Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies: March 8-10, 2012

Invited Presentations

Presentation: “Favorite Spiritual Writers,” Pre-Theology Integrative Formation Seminar, The Saint Paul Seminary: March 13, 2024 (*upcoming*)

Invited Lecture: “*Mysterium Fidei*: St. Thomas Aquinas on Faith and Fruitful Eucharistic Reception,” St. Joseph’s Guild Men’s Meeting, Church of All Saints, Minneapolis: February 21, 2024 (*upcoming*)

Lecture: “‘Sacrament of Faith’: St. Thomas Aquinas and Receiving the Eucharist,” SEEK24 FOCUS National Conference, Session Sponsored by The Saint Paul Seminary: January 2, 2024

Reflection: “Aquinas on the Eucharist, Faith, and Fruitful Reception,” Day of Recollection, The Saint Paul Seminary: December 8, 2023

Guest Expert: “Catholics and Protestants: Agreements and Disagreements,” The Pastor’s Study television program, with Pastor Thomas Brock: August 8, 2023

Guest: “St. John Henry Newman’s Occasional Sermon no. 6: ‘Omnipotence in Bonds’,” Newman on Tap Presents podcast, with Dr. Ron Snyder: August 7, 2023

Guest Expert: “The Trinity and the Council of Nicaea,” The Pastor’s Study television program, with Pastor Thomas Brock: June 4, 2023 (Trinity Sunday)

Guest Lecturer: “The Catholic Account of the Eucharist,” Central Baptist Seminary, “Ecclesiology and Eschatology” course taught by Brett Williams, Ph.D.: March 10, 2022

Debate: “The Eucharist: Real Presence?” with Brett Williams, Ph.D., Apostolic Tradition and Faith, Holy Family Maronite Church, Mendota Heights, MN: January 11, 2022

Podcast Lecture: “Mary in Salvation History,” Quick Talks: Season 2, Church of Saint Agnes, St. Paul, Minnesota: January 31, 2021

Invited Lecture: “Holy Sex: *Humanae vitae*, 50 Years Later,” Rochester, Minnesota Theology on Tap: July 12, 2018

Faith Formation Talk to Parents: “Mary in Salvation History, in the Teachings of the Church, and in Our Devotional Life,” Epiphany Church, Coon Rapids, MN: May 2, 2018

Faith Formation Talk to Catechists: “Mary in Salvation History, in the Teachings of the Church, and in Our Devotional Life,” Epiphany Church, Coon Rapids: April 25, 2018

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Student Senate Presentation: “Pope Benedict’s 2010 World Day of Peace Message,” St. Mary’s University: February 2010

40 Hours Adoration Devotion, St. Edward Catholic Church, Chillicothe, IL: July 2009

HONORS/AWARDS RECEIVED

Travel Grant (\$500), Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal	2024
Research Grant (\$2600), University of St. Thomas Center for Faculty Development	2023
Travel and Lodging Grant (\$500), Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal	2023
Graduate Student Travel Stipend (\$300), American Catholic Philosophical Association	2021
Karen Chan Young Scholar’s Award, American Catholic Philosophical Association	2016
Full Tuition Remission and Stipend, Ave Maria University	2013 - 2017
Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor Society	2010
Alpha Mu Gamma Honor Society	2010

SCHOLARLY/ACADEMIC SERVICE

University of St. Thomas

School of Divinity Liaison, Graduate Curriculum Committee 2023 - 2024

The Saint Paul Seminary

Faculty Member at Large, Graduate Studies Committee 2023 - 2024

Faculty Member at Large, Faculty Development Committee 2023 - 2024

The Sacra Doctrina Project

Founding Executive Member and Vice President 2017 - Present

Co-Chair, Conferences Committee 2022 - Present

Member, Advancement Committee 2023

Associate Editor, Thomistica.net 2018 - Present

Chair, Conferences Committee 2019 - 2021

Saint Agnes School

Faculty Co-Advisor, Militia Immaculata Student Club 2020 - 2022

Co-Chair, Faith and Life Committee 2018 - 2021

Faith and Life Liaison, Upper School Team Committee 2020 - 2021

Organizer, Faculty Development Book Discussion Group 2018 - 2019

Ave Maria University

Founding Member of the Steering Committee, Graduate Student Professional Development Colloquia 2017

Ad Hoc Committee on Best Pedagogical Practices 2016

EVENTS ORGANIZED

Academic Conferences

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Conference Co-Chair, “*All Things That Were Made: On Creation and Its Creator*,” The Sacra Doctrina Project Conference co-sponsored and hosted by the Institute for Catholic Theological Formation at The Saint Paul Seminary, University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, MN): June 6-8, 2024

Conference Co-Chair, “The Primacy of God in a Secular Age: On the Theological Virtue of Faith,” The Sacra Doctrina Project Conference co-sponsored and hosted by St. Mary’s Seminary and University (Baltimore, MD): June 8-10, 2023

Committee Co-Chair, “Grace and Sanctification: Divine Causality, Human Freedom, and Supernatural Glory,” The Sacra Doctrina Project Conference co-sponsored and hosted by Thomas Aquinas College–New England (Northfield, MA): June 23-25, 2022

Conference Co-Chair, “The Development of Doctrine: Revelation, Magisterium, and Reason,” The Sacra Doctrina Project Conference co-sponsored and hosted by St. Bernard’s School of Theology & Ministry (Rochester, NY): June 10-12, 2021

Satellite Sessions

Satellite Sessions Organizer, The Sacra Doctrina Project, “The Human Person as a Substantial Unity of Distinct Principles, Parts, and Powers” and “On the Relations that One Can Have to Oneself as a Human Person,” American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting (Houston, TX): November 16-19, 2023

Satellite Sessions Organizer, The Sacra Doctrina Project, “The Primacy of the Speculative over the Practical” and “Cause of Causes: On Divine Causality,” American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting (New Orleans, LA): November 18-20, 2022

Satellite Session Organizer, The Sacra Doctrina Project, “Essence and Attributes of God,” American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting (St. Louis, MO): November 19-21, 2021

Satellite Sessions Organizer, The Sacra Doctrina Project, “Natural Philosophy and Thomas Aquinas,” and “Natural Theology and Divine Revelation,” American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting (Minneapolis, MN): November 22, 2019

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Academy of Catholic Theology	2023 - Present
American Catholic Philosophical Association	2016 - Present
The Sacra Doctrina Project	2017 - Present
Seminar on Early and Late Antique Christianity	2023 - Present
International Society for the Study of Medieval Theology (IGTM)	2023
Fellowship of Catholic Scholars	2016 - 2019
American Academy of Religion	2016 - 2018
Minnesota Area Patristics Society	2012 - 2013

COURSES TAUGHT

The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity
Christian Theology of God
Ecclesiology

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Fundamental Moral Theology

God and Revelation (*upcoming, Spring 2024*)

Nature and Mission of the Church

Readings in Aquinas: *Prima Pars*

Readings in Aquinas: *Prima Secundae* (*upcoming, Spring 2024*)

Readings in Aquinas: *Secunda Secundae*

Readings in Aquinas: Commentaries on Romans and Galatians

Twentieth Century Thomism (directed independent study)

Saint Agnes School

Tradition of Catholic Dogma

Catholic Social Doctrine

Christian Apologetics

Catholic Moral Theology

The Creed

Introduction to the Old Testament

Ave Maria University

Sacred Scripture

Sacred Doctrine

Christ and His Church

DEGREE COMPLETION SERVICE

The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity

M.A. Thesis Reader: Sr. Maria Jerome Poelman, O.P., "I Will Not Leave You Orphans: A Study of the Orphans in Sacred Scripture," Fall 2023

M.A.P.L. Portfolio Assessment Panelist: Brittany Halverson, August 21, 2023

M.A.P.L. Portfolio Assessment Panelist: Claire Missy, August 21, 2023