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Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, University at Buffalo

Date of Degree: June 2012
Dissertation (Perry Prize for Best Dissertation): "Thomistic Hylomorphism and the Phenomenology of Self-Sensing"
Dissertation Committee: Jorge J.E. Gracia (Director), Richard Cohen, David Hershenov

M.A., Philosophy, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Date of Degree: May 2008
Thesis (*Summa cum laude*): "The Value of the Holy and the Trace of God: The Sacramental Experience"
Thesis Readers: Jonathan J. Sanford (Adviser), John Crosby, John White

B.A., Philosophy and Theology, Franciscan University of Steubenville, *Summa cum laude*

Date of Degree: August 2007
Honors Great Books Program, Fall 2004-Spring 2007
Study Abroad Program in Gaming, Austria, Fall 2005
Thesis: "Intimations of Eternity: Knowledge of Beauty in Aristotle and Balthasar"
Thesis Readers: Jonathan J. Sanford (Philosophy) and Regis Martin (Theology)

Academic Appointments

Professor of Philosophy, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN (2023-present)
Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN (2018-2023)
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN (2012-2018)
Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Canisius College, Buffalo, NY (2010-2012)

Areas of Interest

Aesthetics and Philosophy of Beauty; Medieval and Scholastic Philosophy; Philosophy of Nature and Metaphysics; Phenomenology, Existentialism, and Personalism; Philosophical Theology; Plato, Platonism, and Aristotle

Publications

Books

2. *Catholicism and the Problem of God*, Elements in the Problems of God Series, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023, under contract, forthcoming). 66 pages.

1. *The Irreducibility of the Human Person: A Catholic Synthesis* (Washington: The Catholic University of America Press, 2022). 454 + xviii pages.

Academic Articles and Book Chapters

(*) Invited article or chapter; all others submitted to refereed journal

44. "What Personhood Adds to Human Nature: A Supplement to Burgos' Integral Personalism," *Appraisal*, forthcoming. (*)
43. "The Human Person in *The Consolation of Philosophy*," in Michael Wiitala, ed., *The Cambridge Critical Guide to Boethius' Consolation of Philosophy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, under contract, forthcoming.) (*)
42. "Deification and Theological Anthropology," in Paul Gavrilyuk, Andrew Hoffer, O.P., and Matthew Levering, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Deification* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, under contract, forthcoming). (*)
41. "Incarnate Religion," in Melissa Bradley, James McLachlan, and Jack E. Marsh, ed., *Senseless Kindness: Levinasian Essays in Honor of Richard A. Cohen* (Albany: State University of New York Press, under contract, forthcoming). (*)
40. "Classical Theism, Divine Beauty, and the Doctrine of the Trinity," in Rob Koons and Jonathan Fuqua, eds., *Classical Theism: New Essays on the Metaphysics of God* (New York: Routledge, 2023): 285-302. (*)
39. "A Metaphysics of Blood Sacrifice," *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 96, *The Metaphysical Preambles to the Preambles of Faith* (2022): forthcoming.
38. "The One Has the Many: A Further Synthesis of Aquinas, Scotus, and Palamas." Co-Written with Fr. Matthew Kirby. *International Philosophical Quarterly* 62:2 (June 2022): 161-187.
37. "The Flexibility of Thomistic Metaphysical Principles: Byzantine Thomists, Personalist Thomists, and Jacques Maritain," *Studia Gilsoniana* 11:3 (July-September 2022): 445-470. (*)
36. "*Omnis categoria pulchra est*: A Neutralist Account of Beauty," in Robert A. Delfino, William Irwin, and Jonathan J. Sanford, eds., *The Philosophical Legacy of Jorge J.E. Gracia* (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2022): 169-180. (*)
35. "Value-Perception and Spiritual Perception in Max Scheler," in Frederick Aquino and Paul Gavrilyuk, eds., *Perceiving Things Divine: Towards a Constructive Account of Spiritual Perception* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022): 51-66. (*) Winner of the 2023 Martin Institute of Christianity and Culture Research Award.
34. "The Many Phenomenological Reductions and Catholic Metaphysical Anti-Reductionism." *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 95:3, *Special Issue on Phenomenology and Catholicism* (Summer 2021): 367-388. (*)
33. "Divine Beauty and Our Obligation to Worship God." *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 94, *The Good, the True, the Beautiful: Through and Of the Ages* (2020): 153-169.

32. "Survivalist, Platonist, Thomistic Hylomorphism: A Reply to Daniel De Haan and Brandon Dahm," *Quaestiones Disputatae* 10:2, *Special Issue on Hylomorphism: Ancient, Medieval, Contemporary* (Spring 2020): 177-184. (*)
31. "Covenantal Metaphysics and Cosmological Metaphysics: An Aesthetic Critique and an Aesthetic Synthesis", *The Saint Anselm Journal* 15:2 (Spring 2020): 19-38. (*)
30. "The Metaphysics of Justice: The Category of Artifacts and Free Cooperative Causality," *The Heythrop Journal* 61:2 (March 2020): 241-252.
29. "Beauty and the Intellectual Virtues in Aristotle," in *Beauty and the Good: Past Interpretations and Their Contemporary Relevance*, ed. Alice Ramos, (Washington: The Catholic University of America Press, 2020): 93-114. (*)
28. "The Separated Soul: Disability in the Intermediate State," in *Disability in Medieval Christian Philosophy and Theology*, ed. Scott Williams (New York: Routledge, 2020): 235-257. (*)
27. "Dietrich von Hildebrand's Aesthetics and the Value of Modern Art," *Quaestiones Disputatae* 10:1, *Special Issue on Dietrich von Hildebrand* (Fall 2019): 52-71. (*)
26. "Beauty and Being in von Hildebrand and the Aristotelian Tradition," *The Review of Metaphysics* 73:2 (December 2019): 311-334.
25. "Sense Perception and the Flourishing of the Human Person in von Hildebrand and the Aristotelian Traditions" ("Percepción sensible y el florecimiento de la persona humana en von Hildebrand y las tradiciones aristotélicas"), *Tópicos, Revista de Filosofía* 56 (2019): 95-118.
24. "Beauty, First and Last of All the Transcendentals: Givenness and Aesthetic, Spiritual Perception in Thomism and Jean-Luc Marion," *The Thomist* 82:2 (April 2018): 157-187.
23. "Perceiving the Image of God in the Whole Human Person," *The Saint Anselm Journal* 13:2 (Spring 2018): 1-18. (*)
22. "The Many Powers of the Human Soul: Von Hildebrand's Contribution to Scholastic Philosophical Anthropology," *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 91:4, *Special Issue on Dietrich Von Hildebrand* (Fall 2017): 719-735. (*)
21. "The Flexibility of Divine Simplicity: Aquinas, Scotus, Palamas", *International Philosophical Quarterly* 57:2 (July 2017): 123-139.
20. "Grace, *Natura Pura*, and the Metaphysics of *Status*: Personalism and Thomism on the Historicity of the Human Person and the Genealogy of Modernity," *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 91, *Philosophy, Faith, and Modernity* (2017): 127-143.

19. "The Phenomenology and Metaphysics of Spiritual Perception: A Thomistic Framework." *New Blackfriars* 97:1072 (November 2016): 677-692.
18. "Divine Causality and Created Freedom: A Thomistic Personalist View." *Nova et Vetera* 14:3 (Summer 2016): 375-419.
17. "Christologically Inspired, Empirically Motivated Hylomorphism." Co-written with Tim Pawl. *Res Philosophica* 93:1 (January 2016): 137-160.
16. "What is it Like to be an Embodied Person? What is it Like to be a Separated Soul?" *Angelicum* 93 (2016): 219-246.
15. "Quantum Randomness, Hylomorphism, and Classical Theism." *Journal of Analytic Theology* 4 (2016): 147-170.
14. "Aristotelian Substance and Personalistic Subjectivity." *International Philosophical Quarterly* 55:2 (June 2015): 145-164.
13. "The Category of *Habitus*: Artifacts, Accidents, and Human Nature." *The Thomist* 79:1 (January 2015): 113-154.
12. "Created Persons are Subsistent Relations: A Scholastic-Phenomenological Synthesis." *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 89, *Analyzing Catholic Philosophy* (2015): 225-243.
11. "Activity, Identity, and God: A Tension in Aquinas and His Interpreters." Co-written with W. Matthews Grant, *Studia Neoaristotelica* 12 (2015): 5-61.
10. "The Personhood of the Separated Soul." *Nova et Vetera* 12:3 (Summer 2014): 863-912.
9. "Habits, Potencies, and Obedience: Experiential Evidence for Thomistic Hylomorphism." *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 88, *Dispositions, Habits, and Virtues* (2014): 165-180. Winner of the ACPA Young Scholar Award.
8. "Transcendental Order in Suárez." *Studia Neoaristotelica* 10:2 (2013): 157-195.
7. "Ethical Subjectivity in Levinas and Thomas Aquinas: Common Ground?." *The Heythrop Journal* 53:1 (January 2012): 137-147.
6. "With Great Power: Heroism, Villainy, and Bodily Transformation," in Jonathan J. Sanford, ed., *Spider-Man and Philosophy: The Web of Inquiry*. (Hoboken: Wiley, 2012): 131-141.(*).
5. "Abelard on *Status* and their Relation to Universals: A Husserlian Interpretation. *International Philosophical Quarterly* 51:2 (June 2011): 223-240.

4. “An Ethical Neo-Platonism: Levinas and Bonaventure in Dialogue.” *Quaestiones Disputatae* 1:2, *Special Issue on Neo-Platonism* (Spring 2011): 226-240.

3. “A Reexamination of the Hylomorphic Theory of Death.” *The Review of Metaphysics* 63:4 (June 2010): 843-870.

2. “Liturgy as a Foundation of Ethical Practice: Marion as a Mediator Between Levinas and Radical Orthodoxy.” *Fides Quaerens Intellectum* 4:1 (Fall 2007): 1-20.

1. “Full Human Flourishing: The Place of the Various Virtues in the Quest for Happiness in Aristotle’s Ethics.” *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 81, *Freedom, Will, and Nature* (2007): 193-204.

Book Reviews

20. *Beautiful Ugliness: Christianity, Modernity, and the Arts*, by Mark William Roche (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2023), in *Law and Liberty*, forthcoming.

19. *An Exposition of The Divine Names, The Book of Blessed Dionysius*, by St. Thomas Aquinas, translated and edited with an introduction by Michael Augros (Merrimack: Thomas More College Press, 2021), in *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, forthcoming.

18. *The Eucharist in Modern Philosophy*, by Xavier Tillette, SJ, translated by Jonathan Martin Ciraulo (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2023), in *The Thomist*, forthcoming.

17. *Neither Nature nor Grace: Aquinas, Barth, and Garrigou-Lagrange on the Epistemic Use of God’s Effects*, by T. Adam Van Wart (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2020), in *Nova et Vetera*, forthcoming.

16. “After Nihilism?”, a review of *Nihilistic Times: Thinking with Max Weber*, by Wendy Brown (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2023), in *Law and Liberty*, August 3, 2023, lawliberty.org/book-review/after-nihilism.

15. “The Power of Images,” a review of *Incomprehensible Certainty: Metaphysics and Hermeneutics of the Image*, by Thomas Pfau (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2022), in *Law and Liberty*, December 27, 2022, lawliberty.org/book-review/the-power-of-images.

14. *The Saint and the Atheist: Thomas Aquinas and Jean-Paul Sartre*, by Joseph S. Catalano (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2020), in *The Thomist* 86:1 (January 2022): 168-172.

13. *Analogical Identities: The Creation of the Christian Self—Beyond Spirituality and Mysticism in the Patristic Era*, by Fr. Nikolaos Loudovikos (Turnhout: Brepols, 2019), in *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 95:4 (Fall 2021): 752-755.

12. *Aesthetics*, by Dietrich von Hildebrand, translated by John F. Crosby, John Henry Crosby, and Brian McNeil, 2 Volumes (Steubenville: Hildebrand Project, 2016 and 2018), in *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 95:2 (Spring 2021): 357-362.
11. *Jacek Woroniecki*, by Jacek Woroniecki, Piotr S. Mazur, Barbara Kiereś, Ryszard Skrzyniarz, and Agata Płazińska (Krakow: Ignatianum University Press, 2019), in *Forum Philosophicum* 25:2 (Autumn 2020): 341-347.
10. *Being Reconciled*, by Ian Leask, (Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Cambridge Scholars, 2011), in *The Heythrop Journal* 59:3 (May 2018): 616-618.
9. *Aquinas and Radical Orthodoxy: A Critical Inquiry*, by Paul J. DeHart, (London: Routledge, 2011), in *The Heythrop Journal* 59:3 (May 2018): 615-616
8. *The Metaphysical Presuppositions of Being-in-the-World: A Confrontation Between St. Thomas Aquinas and Martin Heidegger*, by Caitlin Smith Gilson, (New York: Continuum, 2010), in *The Heythrop Journal* 59:3 (May 2018): 613-615.
7. *The Rigor of Things: Conversations with Dan Arbib*, by Jean-Luc Marion, translated by Christina M. Gschwandtner, (New York: Fordham University Press, 2017), in *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 92:2 (Spring 2018): 397-400.
6. *The Problem of Perception and the Experience of God: Toward a Theological Empiricism*, by Sameer Yadav, (Minneapolis: Augsburg Press, 2015), in *The Journal of Religion* 98:2 (April 2018): 303-304.
5. *Subjectivity: Ancient and Modern*, edited by R.J. Snell and Steven F. McGuire, (Lexington Books, 2016), in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, July 18, 2016.
4. *The Oxford Handbook of Aquinas*, ed. Eleonore Stump and Brian Davies (Oxford: OUP, 2012), in *The Heythrop Journal* 57:2 (March 2016): 426-427.
3. *Heidegger in America*, by Martin Woessner, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), in *The Heythrop Journal* 55:4 (July 2014): 732-734.
2. *The Present Alone is Our Happiness: Conversations with Jeannie Carlier and Arnold I. Davidson*, by Pierre Hadot, (Palo Alto: Stanford University Press, 2009), in *The Heythrop Journal* 55:2 (March 2014): 341-342.
1. *The Self Awakened: Pragmatism Unbound*, by Roberto Mangabeira Unger, (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2009), in *Quaestiones Disputatae* 1:1 (Fall 2010): 258-260.

Articles for a Popular Audience

9. "The Platonism of Aristotle and Thomas Aquinas," *Credo Magazine* 12:1, March 2022. <https://credomag.com/article/the-platonism-of-aristotle-and-thomas-aquinas/>.

8. "Introduction to Personalism," for The Hildebrand Project, September 2020.
7. "'Inloveness,' Virtue And NFP", with Susanna Spencer. *National Catholic Register*. Irondale, AL. July 23-August 5, 2017.
6. "A Tour of the Vatican's Favorite Moves, Part 3: Art", with Susanna Spencer. *ChurchPOP*. November 14, 2015. <https://churchpop.com/2015/11/14/a-tour-of-the-vaticans-favorite-movies-part-3-art/>.
5. "Pope Francis, Platonist Traditionalist." *Ethika Politika*. August 12, 2015. <https://ethikapolitika.org/2015/08/12/pope-francis-platonist-traditionalist/>.
4. "A Tour of the Vatican's Favorite Movies, Part 2: Religion", with Susanna Spencer. *ChurchPOP*. July 9, 2015. <http://www.churchpop.com/2015/07/09/a-tour-of-the-vaticans-favorite-movies-part-2-religion/>.
3. "A Tour of the Vatican's Favorite Movies, Part 1: Values", with Susanna Spencer. *ChurchPOP*. April 6, 2015. <http://www.churchpop.com/2015/04/06/a-tour-of-the-vaticans-favorite-movies-part-1-values/>.
2. "Traditional Religion in Space." *Public Discourse*. August 14, 2014. <http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2014/08/13496/>.
1. "In Praise of Metaphysics: Beyond Natural Science and the Humanities." *Public Discourse*. June 13, 2014. <http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2014/06/13263/>.

Presentations

Invited Academic Presentations

28. "What is a Person? The Promise of Personalist Philosophy for Rehabilitating Moral Discourse," Valparaiso University, October 2, 2023, scheduled presentation.
27. "Manifestations of Gratitude—Wonder, Joy, Festivity, Hope," Keynote Lecture at Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar on Gratitude, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, June 30, 2023.
26. "Beyond Rational Animals and Incarnate Spirits: Beauty and the Definition of Human Nature," University of Dallas, Dallas, TX, March 30, 2023.
25. "Anthropology and Deification in Aquinas and Palamas," International Orthodox Theological Association, Volos, Greece, January 12, 2023.
24. "Anthropology and Deification in Aquinas and Palamas," Satellite Session on Eastern and Western Thought, American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 18, 2022.

23. "Phenomenology and the Personalist State: Three Contributions to the Catholic Debate on Liberalism," Colloquium on the Catholic Post-Liberal Thought, Hildebrand Project and New Polity Institute, Steubenville, OH, March 31, 2022.
22. "Deification and Theological Anthropology", Third International Symposium on Deification, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, November 19, 2021.
21. "The sacredness of the secular: Hildebrand and the gods", Colloquium on Hildebrand on the Sacred, Hildebrand Project and Institute for Human Ecology, Washington, DC, October 15, 2021.
20. "The Future of Byzantine and Personalist Thomism: Lessons from Jacques Maritain", Panel on Byzantine Thomism, American Maritain Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, March 7, 2020.
19. "Beauty and Chaos: Why Thomistic Aesthetics Should Incorporate the Work of Gilles Deleuze", Aquinas in Postmodernity Project, American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 22, 2019.
18. "Dietrich von Hildebrand's *Aesthetics* and the Value of Modern Art," Hildebrand Project Colloquium on Aesthetics, New York City, NY, November 16, 2019.
17. "*Omnis categoria pulchra est*: A Neutralist Account of Beauty", Capen Chair Conference: A Collection of Individuals: The Philosophical Legacy of Jorge J.E. Gracia, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, October 19, 2019.
16. "Covenantal Metaphysics and Cosmological Metaphysics: An Aesthetic Critique and an Aesthetic Synthesis", Conference in Memory of Fr. Donald Keefe, SJ, St. Anselm College, Manchester, NH, June 19, 2019.
15. "What Can Philosophy Tell Us About Life After Death?", Thomistic Institute Conference on Immortality, Catholic Center at New York University, New York City, NY, November 10, 2018.
14. "Disability and the Separated Soul," Conference on Disability in Latin Medieval Philosophy and Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, April 28, 2018.
13. "Beauty and Being in von Hildebrand and the Aristotelian Tradition," Dietrich Von Hildebrand Legacy Project, American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, November 18, 2017.
12. "Beauty and the Intellectual Virtues in Aristotle," Ancient and Medieval Aesthetics Workshop, Boston College, Boston, MA, August 2, 2017.
11. "Sense Perception and the Flourishing of the Human Person in von Hildebrand and the Aristotelian Traditions," Hildebrand Schülerkreis, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, July 12, 2017. Main Speaker.

10. “Beauty and Being in von Hildebrand and the Aristotelian Tradition,” Hildebrand Schülerkreis, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, July 11, 2017. Main Speaker.
9. “Perceiving the Image of God in the Whole Human Person,” Metaphysics Colloquium on St. Augustine on the Human Person as *Imago Dei*, St. Anselm College, Manchester, NH, June 7, 2017. Main Speaker.
8. “Value-Perception and Spiritual Perception,” Spiritual Senses Symposium, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, November 18, 2016.
7. “The Many Powers of the Human Soul in Von Hildebrand’s Anti-Reductionist Personalism,” Dietrich Von Hildebrand Legacy Project, American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 5, 2016.
6. “Before the Transcendentals: Marion and Aquinas on Givenness and Aesthetic, Spiritual Perception,” Aquinas in Postmodernity Project, American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 5, 2016.
5. “The Phenomenology and Metaphysics of Spiritual Perception: A Thomistic Framework”, Spiritual Senses Symposium, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 20, 2015.
4. “Thomistic Hylomorphism”, at “What Are We?: An Online Panel Discussion on the Nature of the Human Person”, University of Alaska, Anchorage, AK, November 16, 2015.
3. “Aristotelian Substance and Personalistic Subjectivity”, Society for Thomistic Personalism, American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, November 2, 2013.
2. “What Survives Death: The Person or Just the Soul?”, Invited Moderator of a Debate between David Oderberg and Patrick Toner, with my Opening Remarks, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, September 26, 2013.
1. “Ethical Subjectivity in Levinas and Thomas Aquinas: Common Ground?,” North American Levinas Society, American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Quebec, November 8, 2009.

Invited Panel Presentations

23. “Care for One Another: Stewardship and Civil Society,” Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar on Gratitude, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, June 30, 2023.
30. “Human Challenges to Which Gratitude is an Antidote,” Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar on Gratitude, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, June 29, 2023.
21. Office of Mission Conversation on My Book, *The Irreducibility of the Human Person*, Panel with Bernard Brady, Erika Kidd, and Mark McInroy, University of St. Thomas, March 2, 2023.

20. Author Meets Critics Panel on Christopher Brown's *Eternal Life and Human Happiness in Heaven: Philosophical Problems, Thomistic Solutions*, American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 18, 2022.
19. Panel on Catholicism, God, and Newman, Conference in Honor of John F. Crosby, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, November 12, 2022.
18. Book Launch Event on My Book, *The Irreducibility of the Human Persons*, Hildebrand Project, Online Panel with John Crosby, Lawrence Feingold, and Mirela Oliva, October 12, 2022.
17. "Plato and Augustine on Conversion," Readiness to Change: Conversion and the Christian Life, Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, June 30, 2022.
16. "Recollection and Contemplation," Readiness to Change: Conversion and the Christian Life, Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, June 29, 2022.
15. "Readiness to Change and Responsibility," Readiness to Change: Conversion and the Christian Life, Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, June 28, 2022.
14. Panel on Aesthetics, Hildebrand Project Associated Scholars Gathering, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, June 27, 2022.
13. Book Launch Event on *What is Philosophy?* by Dietrich von Hildebrand, Hildebrand Project, Online Panel, October 13, 2021.
12. "Personalism in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition," The Personalist Vision, Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar, Virtual Seminar, July 6, 2021.
11. "The Central Insights of Personalism," The Personalist Vision, Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar, Virtual Seminar, July 5, 2021.
10. Online Conversation with Nikolaos Loudovikos, Thomas O'Loughlin, and Andreas Andreopoulos on Nikolaos Loudovikos' *Analogical Identities*, Brepols, June 15, 2021. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=excN8R3TME>.
9. "Affectivity and Aesthetic Experience," The Heart, Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar, Virtual Seminar, July 9, 2020.
8. "Emotions and the Moral Life," The Heart, Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar, Virtual Seminar, July 8, 2020.

7. “The Heart and the Will,” The Heart, Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar, Virtual Seminar, July 7, 2020.

6. “Hildebrand on the Heart”, The Heart, Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar, Virtual Seminar, July 6, 2020.

5. “Intellectual Virtues and Vices in the Information Age”, The Care of the Soul: Rethinking Virtue in the Contemporary World, Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, July 10, 2019.

4. “Authenticity”, The Care of the Soul: Rethinking Virtue in the Contemporary World, Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, July 8, 2019.

3. “Virtue and Gender”, The Care of the Soul: Rethinking Virtue in the Contemporary World, Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, July 8, 2019. Scheduled Presentation.

2. “Self and Other”, The Care of the Soul: Rethinking Virtue in the Contemporary World, Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, July 7, 2019.

1. “A Look at the Virtue Tradition”, The Care of the Soul: Rethinking Virtue in the Contemporary World, Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, July 6, 2019.

Refereed Academic Presentations

14. “A Metaphysics of Blood Sacrifice,” American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 18, 2022.

13. “Divine Beauty and Our Obligation to Worship God”, American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Online Conference, November 20, 2020.

12. “Grace, *Natura Pura*, and the Metaphysics of *Status*: Personalism and Thomism on the Historicity of the Human Person and the Genealogy of Modernity”, American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, November 17, 2017.

11. “The Historicity of the Human Person in the Thomistic Treatises *De Statibus*,” Thomas Aquinas Society, Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 13, 2017.

10. “Created Persons are Subsistent Relations: A Scholastic-Phenomenological Synthesis”, American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, October 10, 2015.

9. “Hylomorphism, Randomness, and Providence”, Randomness and Foreknowledge Conference, Dallas, TX, October 23, 2014.

8. "Habits, Potencies, and Obedience: Experiential Evidence for Thomistic Hylomorphism." American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, October 11, 2014. Winner of ACPA Young Scholar Award.
7. "Are Some Aspects of Human Acts Not Caused by God?: Sin, Creativity, and Beings of Reason", Thomas Aquinas Society, Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 10, 2014.
6. "Transcendental Order in Suárez," Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 4, 2013.
5. "Eternal *and* Historical Kinds," American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, March 30, 2011.
4. "Eternal *and* Historical Kinds," Creighton Club Annual Meeting, Hobart and William Smith College, Geneva, NY, November 13, 2010.
3. "The Cosmic Hierarchy of Lifeforms in Aristotle and Aquinas," Annual Aristotle and Aristotelianism Conference: Science and Intellect in the Aristotelian Tradition, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, June 30, 2010.
2. "An Ethical Neo-Platonism: Bonaventure and Levinas in Dialogue," Conference on Christian Philosophy: Neo-Platonism and its Legacy, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, April 25, 2009.
1. "Full Human Flourishing: The Place of the Various Virtues in the Quest for Happiness in Aristotle's Ethics," American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, November 10, 2007.

Other Academic Presentations

14. "A Catholic Understanding of the Human Person," Catholic Studies Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar on Human Identity and Our Students, UST, June 5, 2023.
13. "A Catholic Vision of Justice and Change in the University," Catholic Studies Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar on Three Rival Versions of the University, UST, June 9, 2022.
12. "Classical Theism, Divine Beauty, and the Doctrine of the Trinity," Faculty Research Lunchtime Presentation, UST, April 21, 2022.
11. "Recent Thomistic Aesthetics and Spiritual Perception," Spiritual Perception Project, UST, December 6, 2017. Available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHOeXtc_ces&t=440s.
10. "Phenomenology and Spiritual Perception," Spiritual Perception Project, UST, December 6, 2017. Available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWOnzX_R5wM&t=4s.
9. "The Metaphysics of Justice: The Category of Artifacts and Free Cooperative Causality,"

Research Friday Department Colloquium, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, May 20, 2016.

8. “Divine Simplicity and Divine Freedom”, with W. Matthews Grant, Department Colloquium, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, December 3, 2015.

7. “What is it Like to be an Embodied Person? What is it Like to be a Separated Soul?”, Interim State Writing Workshop, McCall, ID, July 16, 2015.

6. “Arguments from Desire and Beauty,” Department Colloquium, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, February 19, 2013.

5. “Phenomenological and Thomistic Accounts of Self-Experience,” University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, February 1, 2012.

4. “Transcendental Order in Suárez,” Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA, January 27, 2012.

3. “Time as a Stratified Phenomenon: Scotus and the Classical and Modern Views of Time,” Western New York Regional Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, Canisius College, Buffalo, NY, April 17, 2010.

2. “The Ethical Role of Contemplation: A Proposed Contribution to Contemporary Virtue Ethics,” Western New York Regional Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, John Fischer College, Rochester, NY, October 25, 2008.

1. “Time as a Stratified Phenomenon in the Work of Duns Scotus: Understanding a Modern Concept in a Medieval Context,” Graduate Symposium on Scotus, Steubenville, OH, April 18, 2008.

Presentations and Interviews for a Popular Audience

27. “Nietzsche: Beyond Good and Evil,” Lenten Lecture Series on Architects of Modernity, St. Agnes Church, St. Paul, MN, March 10, 2023.

26. Interview on my book *The Irreducibility of the Human Person*, on the Classical Theism Podcast, with John DeRosa, released on March 6, 2023.

25. Interview on my book *The Irreducibility of the Human Person*, on “Cutting the Gordian Knot” Podcast, with Jake Buscher, released on December 10, 2022.

24. Interview on my book *The Irreducibility of the Human Person*, on “Reason and Theology,” with Michael Lofton, October 19, 2022, available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOdLEykUvmk&t=373s>

23. “Beauty and Our Obligation to Worship,” Philosophy for the People Podcast, with Pat Flynn, September 28, 2022, available at <https://www.philosophyforthepeople.com/philosophy-blog/beauty-and-our-obligation-to-worship-w-dr-mark-spencer>.

22. "Divine Simplicity and the Essence/Energies Distinction," Philosophy for the People Podcast, with Pat Flynn, September 14, 2022, available at <https://www.philosophyforthepeople.com/philosophy-blog/discussing-divine-simplicity-and-the-essenceenergies-distinction-w-dr-mark-spencer>.
21. "Dante's *Purgatorio*: Ante-Purgatory and Eden," Lenten Lecture Series on Dante's *Divine Comedy*, St. Agnes Church, St. Paul, MN, March 25, 2022.
20. "Beauty and the Faith," God Renewing Our Women Group at St. Hubert Parish, Chanhassen, MN, October 19, 2021.
19. Interview on "The Open Door", WCAT Radio, with James Hanink, Mario Ramos-Reyes, and Christopher Zehnder, March 3, 2021.
18. "Dietrich von Hildebrand," The Church of St. Agnes Quick Talks, May 18, 2020, available at <https://soundcloud.com/churchofsaintagnes/dietrich-von-hildebrand>.
17. "What is Beauty? What is Art?", UST Philosophy Club Lunchtime Talk, November 5, 2019.
16. Interview on Reforming Thomism and Integrating Palamism on "Reason and Theology", October 22, 2019, available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hayBFFOd2C8>.
15. Interview about Beauty on "Church and Culture" with Deal Hudson, Ave Maria Radio, September 28, 2019, available at <https://avemariaradio.net/audio-archive/church-and-culture-september-28-2019-hour-2/>.
14. Interview (with Susanna Spencer) about Natural Family Planning on "Off the Charts" with Jenny Uebbing, September 6, 2019, available at offthechartsnfp.com.
13. "Light as a Sacrament of Divine Beauty," Theological Reflection for Candlemas, Roccasacca Project, St. Mark Parish, St. Paul, MN, February 2, 2018.
12. "Can We Perceive God?", Lunchtime at the Areopagus, University of Alaska, Anchorage, AK, online presentation, March 20, 2017.
11. Talk on Ingmar Bergman's *The Seventh Seal*, UST Philosophy Club, November 12, 2016.
10. Interview on "The Mike Allen Show", Breadbox Media, August 24, 2016.
9. "What is Beauty? What is Art?", UST Philosophy Club Colloquium, May 6, 2015.
8. Interview on "The Drew Mariani Show", Relevant Radio, August 18, 2014.
7. "Thomas Aquinas' Five Ways", St. Helena Parish, Minneapolis, MN, October 7, 2013.

6. “Succeeding at the Philosophy Job Market”, UB, September 27, 2013.
5. “Marriage, Innocence, and Privacy,” Students for Marriage, UST, April 13, 2013.
4. “Why I Am a Philosopher,” The Telos Project, UST, October 4, 2012.
3. “Secular Humanism and Evangelization,” Diocese of Buffalo Holy Name Society Convention, Cheektowaga, NY, December 4, 2011.
2. “The Church’s Teaching on Social Justice and Abortion,” St. Theresa Parish, Buffalo, NY, March 3, 2011.
1. “Secular Humanism and its Effects,” Emmaus Men’s Spirituality Group, St. Amelia Parish, Tonawanda, NY, August 14, 2010.

Comments

9. Comments on Joseph G. Trabbic, “In Defense of Thomistic Eudaemonism,” Hildebrand Project Satellite Session on Critical Engagements from Thomism on Dietrich von Hildebrand’s *Ethics*, American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, November 21, 2021.
8. Comments on William Tullius, “Hyper-personalism and Impersonality in Ethics: Critical Reflections on Dietrich von Hildebrand’s Categories of Importance,” Hildebrand Project Online Colloquium on Hildebrand’s *Ethics*, April 24, 2021.
7. Comments on Jameson Cockerell, “Divine *Esse* Without Ontological Significance: Jean-Luc Marion’s Challenge to Aquinas,” American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 22, 2019.
6. Comments on Daniel De Haan, “After Survivalism and Corruptionism: Separated Souls as Incomplete Persons,” American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Satellite Session on the Metaphysics of the Afterlife, Minneapolis, MN, November 22, 2019.
5. Comments on Miguel Romero, “Remembering Mindless Persons: Spanish Colonialism, Natural Slavery, and Those Who Lack the Use of Reason,” Conference on Disability in Latin Medieval Philosophy and Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, April 27, 2018.
4. Comments on Will Britt, “Why Friendship Justifies Becoming”, American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 4, 2016.
3. Comments on Alexander Pruss, “Some Arguments for Divine Simplicity”, Classical Theism Workshop, UST, St. Paul, MN, July 22, 2016.
2. Comments on Joshua Harris, “Transcendental Multitude in Thomas Aquinas,” American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, October 9, 2015.

1. Comments on William Hasker, “Is Divine Simplicity a Mistake?”, Classical Theism Workshop, UST, St. Paul, MN, July 31, 2015.

Teaching

Undergraduate

Aesthetics (UST x1, UST Independent Study x1)
Ancient Philosophy (Canisius x1)
Catholic Social Teaching (Canisius x1)
Contemporary Philosophy (UST x4)
Edith Stein’s *Finite and Eternal Being* (UST Independent Study x1)
Faith and Doubt (UST x2)
Introduction to Philosophy (Canisius x3, UB x1)
Introductory Ethics (UST x4)
Medieval Philosophy (UST x1, Canisius x1)
Metaphysics and Natural Philosophy (UST x5)
Philosophy of Art and Beauty (UST x2)
Philosophy of God (UST x7)
Philosophy of the Human Person (UST x22)
Social and Ethical Values in Medicine (UB x6)
The Person and the Good (UST x16)

Graduate

Philosophical Foundations of Theology (UST Catholic Studies M.A. x1)
Thomistic Ethics (UST Catholic Studies M.A. Independent Study x1)

Other Teaching Experience

Collaborative Inquiry Grant on Evolution and Hylomorphism, with Elliot Polsky, UST, 2015

Catholic Studies M.A. Thesis Reader, Jonathan Liedl, “Voices Melt Us: Newman and the Power of the Saints”, Fall 2016.

Catholic Studies M.A. Thesis Director, Barbara Dugan, “The “Phoenix Case” in Light of the Person of Mary”, 2018

Ph.D. Dissertation External Reader, Joseph Gamache, “The Normativity of Truth for the Human Person: A Person-Centric Approach,” Boston University, 2018.

Ph.D. Dissertation Prospectus External Reader, Joshua Taccolini, “The Little Way of Revealing Persons,” St. Louis University, 2022.

Permanent Diaconate Formation Class on Philosophy for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, 2023-2024.

Membership in Professional Organizations

American Catholic Philosophical Association
American Maritain Association

The Hildebrand Project
International Orthodox Theological Association
Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy
Society for Thomistic Personalism

Departmental and University Service

Faculty Senate, UST, 2013, 2023-2027
Committee on Faculty Nominations and Elections, UST, 2020-2024
Acting Chair, Liberal Arts and Business Minor, UST, Spring 2022
Renaissance Program Faculty Advisory Board, UST, 2020-2022
Committee on Teaching Evaluation, UST, 2020
Department Signature Work Committee, UST, 2020
Philosophy Department Student Enrichment Committee, UST, 2014-2018, 2019-present
Assistant Chair, Department of Philosophy, UST, Spring 2019
M.A. in Philosophy Exploratory Committee, UST, 2017-2018
College of Arts and Sciences Dean Search Committee, UST, 2016- 2017
University Technology Advisory Committee, UST, 2013- 2017 (Co-Chair, 2016-2017)
Philosophy Department Logic Test Committee, UST, 2013- 2014
Graduate Philosophy Association, UB, President 2010- 2011; Secretary 2009-2010
President, Dom Guéranger Society, FUS, 2007-2008

Professional Service

Fellow for Aesthetics and Metaphysics, The Hildebrand Project, 2020-present
Assistant Editor, *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, 2012-2019, 2020-present
Executive Committee, American Catholic Philosophical Association, 2022-2024
Co-Organizer (with Aaron Preston), Colloquium on Dallas Willard and Dietrich von Hildebrand, Hildebrand Project and Dallas Willard Circle, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA June 7-9, 2023
Co-Organizer (with John Henry Crosby), Conference in Honor of John F. Crosby, Hildebrand Project and Franciscan University of Steubenville, November 10-12, 2022
Co-Organizer (with Alex Plato), Colloquium on Catholic Post-Liberal Thought, Hildebrand Project and New Polity Institute, Steubenville, OH, March 31-April 2, 2022
Organizer, Colloquium on Hildebrand the Sacred, Hildebrand Project and The Institute for Human Ecology, Washington, DC, October 14-16, 2021
Co-Organizer (with Mirela Oliva and Dom Aquila), Online Colloquium on Dietrich von Hildebrand's *Ethics*, The Hildebrand Project, April 2021
Program Committee, American Catholic Philosophical Association, 2020
Organizer, Colloquium on Dietrich von Hildebrand's Emotion Theory, The Hildebrand Project, University of Dallas, February 2020
Associate Editor, *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, January-August 2020
Organizer, Colloquium on Dietrich von Hildebrand's *Aesthetics*, The Hildebrand Project, New York City, November 2019
Postdoctoral Project Proposal Referee: Lise Meitner Program of the Austrian Science Fund
Book Referee: The Catholic University of America Press, Springer
Book Proposal Referee: Bloomsbury
Journal Referee: *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *The Heythrop Journal*, *History of*

Philosophy Quarterly, Irish Theological Quarterly, Journal of Analytic Theology, Journal of Philosophy, Modern Theology, Nova et Vetera, Philosopher's Imprint, Ratio, Res Philosophica, Sophia, The Thomist
 Copy Editing: *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion, American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*

Grants, Awards, and Honors

Martin Institute of Christianity and Culture Research Award, Westmont College, 2023
 Distinguished Early Career Grant, Project on the Irreducibility of Beauty, UST, 2023-2025
 Faculty Research Grant, UST, Fall 2022, Fall 2017
 Publication Incentive Award, Hildebrand Project, March 2020
 College of Arts and Sciences Environmental Stewardship Curriculum Grant, 2019, 2016, 2015
 Tenure, UST, effective September 2018
 Publication Incentive Award, Classical Theism Project, July 2016
 Publication Incentive Award, Experience Project Grant on Spiritual Perception, May 2016
 Cluster Grant for Reading Group on Spiritual Perception, with Paul Gavriluk, through The Experience Project, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2015
 Classical Theism Project Summer Stipend, Project on Divine Simplicity, Beauty, and Distinctions (Trinitarian, Formal, Essence-Energies), Summer 2015
 Publication Incentive Award, Analytic Theology Cluster Grant on Christology, April 2015
 American Catholic Philosophical Association Young Scholar's Award, October 2014
 Perry Prize for Best Dissertation in 2012, UB, 2013
 Retention Award, UB, December 2011
 Alonzo Church Award for Excellent Work in Logic, UB, November 2008
 Department Assistantship, UB, 2008-2012
 Presidential Fellowship, UB, 2008-2012
 Sean M. Sullivan Department Award in Philosophy, FUS, May 2007
 Baconian Society, FUS, May 2007
 Alpha Chi Honors Fraternity, FUS, May 2007
 General Dynamics National Merit Scholarship, 2004-2008
 Knights of Columbus Pro Patria Scholarship, 2004-2008
 Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship, 2004-2008
 Great Sauk Trail Council Eagle Scholarship, 2004-2008
 Fr. Michael Scanlan Scholarship, FUS, 2004-2008
 Rotary Club Scholarship, Rotary Club of Ypsilanti, Michigan, 2004
 Eagle Scout Award, Boy Scouts of America, December 2002

Professional Seminar and Workshop Participation and Leadership

Invited Faculty Member, Hildebrand Summer Seminar on Gratitude, Hildebrand Project, Franciscan University of Steubenville, June 26-30, 2023
 Invited Speaker and Participant, Catholic Studies Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar on Human Identity and our Students, UST June 5-6, 2023
 Co-Leader (with James Beauregard), Online Reading Group on *Transformation in Christ*, Hildebrand Project, Fall 2022
 Invited Faculty Member, Hildebrand Summer Seminar on Readiness to Change: Conversion and

the Christian Life, Hildebrand Project, Franciscan University of Steubenville, June 27-July 2, 2022

Invited Speaker and Participant, Catholic Studies Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar on Three Rival Versions of the University, UST, June 6-10, 2022

Co-Leader (with James Beauregard), Online Reading Group on Personalism and Neuroscience, Hildebrand Project, Spring 2022

Co-Leader (with Aaron Preston), Online Reading Group on Dallas Willard and Dietrich von Hildebrand on Moral Knowledge, Hildebrand Project and Dallas Willard Circle, Fall 2021

Invited Faculty Member, Hildebrand Online Summer Seminar on The Personalist Vision, Hildebrand Project, July 5-9, 2021

Leader, Online Reading Group on Hildebrand's *Ethics* and Servais Pinckaers' *The Sources of Christian Ethics*, Hildebrand Project, Spring 2021

Co-Leader (with Rebekah Lamb), Online Reading Group on Hildebrand's *Aesthetics*, Hildebrand Project and University of St. Andrews Institute for Theology, Imagination, and the Arts, Fall 2020

Invited Faculty Member, Hildebrand Online Summer Seminar on The Heart, Hildebrand Project, July 6-10, 2020

Invited Faculty Member, Hildebrand Summer Seminar on The Care of the Soul: Re-Thinking Virtue in the Contemporary World, Dietrich von Hildebrand Legacy Project, Franciscan University of Steubenville, July 6-10, 2019

Invited Faculty Member, Hildebrand Schülerkreis, Dietrich von Hildebrand Legacy Project, Franciscan University of Steubenville, July 9-13, 2017

Catholic Studies Faculty Seminar on Liberal Education, UST, June 13-17, 2016

Murphy Institute Seminar with Thomas Pfau, UST, February 12, 2016

Co-Leader (with Paul Gavrilyuk), Faculty Seminar on Spiritual Perception, UST, Fall 2015.

Interim State Writing Workshop, McCall, ID, July 16-18, 2015

Murphy Institute Seminar on *The Sacredness of the Person* by Hans Joas, UST, November 7, 2014

Writing Across the Curriculum Training, UST, June 2-6, 2014

Faculty Seminar on Metaphysical Models of the Incarnation, UST, Spring Semester, 2014

Murphy Institute Seminar on *Catholicism and Democracy* by Emile Perreau-Saussine, UST, July 30, 2014

Catholic Studies Faculty Seminar on Christian Humanism, UST, June 10-14, 2013

Catholic and Dominican Institute Workshop on Thomas Aquinas and Contemporary Philosophy, Mt. St. Mary College, Newburgh, NY, June 26-23, 2011

Science and Intellect in Aristotle and the Aristotelian Tradition, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, June 28-30, 2010

Languages

Native Language: English

Proficient Reading Ability: Latin

Reading Ability with Dictionary: Ancient Greek, French, German, Spanish

References available on request