

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Center for Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas,  
2018

Dissertation: “φύσις καὶ τὸ ἀνθρώπινον ἀγαθόν: The Aristotelian  
Foundations of the Human Good”  
Director: John P. Hittinger

M.A. in Philosophy, Gonzaga University, 2010  
Thesis: “A Thomistic Critique of Occasionalism from Natural Causality,  
Divine Omnipotence, and the Psychology of Human Agency”  
Director: Michael W. Tkacz

B.A. in Philosophy, The University of Montana,  
*cum laude*, Spring, 2004

A.A., Flathead Valley Community College,  
Spring, 2001

### Areas of Interest

Philosophy of Nature and Science, Metaphysics, Philosophical Anthropology, and  
the principles of Ethics in St. Thomas Aquinas and Aristotle; Phenomenology in  
Edmund Husserl and Karol Wojtyła; History of Philosophy.

### Professional Appointments

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Chair of the Philosophy Department, Aquinas  
College, (MI) 2017—.

Associate Faculty Member, St. Pope John Paul Institute, the University of St.  
Thomas, Houston, TX, 2020.

Visiting Lecturer of Philosophy, University of St. Thomas, 2015-2016.

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, University of St. Thomas, 2012-2015.

## Publications

### Articles

- “Albertus Magnus and St. Thomas on What is “Better-Known” in Natural Science,” Co-written with John H. Boyer, in the *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association*, Vol. 93, 2020.
- “On the Foundational Compatibility of Phenomenology & Thomism,” forthcoming in *Studia Gilsoniana*, 2020.
- “The Logical Terms of Sense Realism: A Thomistic-Aristotelian & Phenomenological Defense,” in *Reality*, Issue 1, Vol. 1, Spring 2020.
- “Reality as Katharsis (κάθαρσις),” co-authored with Brian Kemple, forthcoming in *Reality*, Issue 1, Vol. 1, Spring, 2020.
- “Penitential Method as Phenomenological: The Penitential ἐποχή,” in *Studia Gilsoniana* 7, no. 3 (July–September 2018): 487–518.

### Editor Publications

- The Intelligibility of Nature: The Wallace Reader*, Co-Editor with John P. Hittinger and Michael W. Tkacz, forthcoming (Washington D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2020).
- Thomas Aquinas: Teacher of Humanity*, Co-Editor with John P. Hittinger, (London, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015).

### Essays

- “Aristotle on Nature (φύσις/phūsis): Ancient Source of Katharsis for the Lived Nihilism of Modernity,” in *Reality*, Fall 2019.

### In Process for Publication

- “Disputatio on the Distinction between the Human Person and Other Animals: The Human Person as Gardener,” Co-written with Sr. Damien Savino, 2020.
- “On the Elegance of *APo*, II.19 as Platonic Division.”
- “St. Thomas Aquinas on the Orders of Primary & Secondary Cause: A Critique of Occasionalist Metaphysics.”

“On Two Orders of ἐπαγωγή in *APo* II.19.”

“Aristotle & St. Thomas Aquinas on the Practical Syllogism.”

### **Scholarly Presentations**

“St. Thomas Aquinas on Natural Cause and Creation,” Authenticum Lecture Series, Sacred Heart Parish, Grand Rapids, MI, Fall, 2020.

“Disputatio on the Distinction between the Human Person and Other Animals: The Human Person as Gardener,” Co-written with Sr. Damien Savino, FSE, Annual Meeting of the American Maritain Association, Pittsburg, PA, Spring, 2020.

“Albertus Magnus and St. Thomas on What is “Better-Known” in Natural Science,” Co-written with John H. Boyer, Contributed Session of the National Meeting of the ACPA, Minneapolis, MN, Fall 2019.

“Credo in Deum Patrem omnipotentem, Creatorem caeli et terrae: Orders of Primary and Secondary Cause as *Preambula Fidei*,” Society for Thomistic Natural Philosophy, National Meeting of the ACPA, Minneapolis, MN, Fall 2019.

“On the Ancient Sources of Disputatio: Logos (λόγος) or Misologos (μῆσόλογος),” Aquinas College, Loutit Room, Grand Rapids, MI, Fall 2019.

“On the Elegance of *APo*, II.19 as Platonic Division,” for the Society for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Thomism, Society for Thomistic Natural Philosophy, National Meeting of the ACPA San Diego, CA, Fall, 2018; Colloquium at The Center for Thomistic Studies, Houston, TX, Feb 10, 2018.

“Aristotle on Nature (φύσις/phūsis): Ancient Source of Catharsis for the Lived Nihilism of Modernity,” Authenticum Lecture Series, Sacred Heart Parish, Grand Rapids, MI, September, 2018.

“On the Principles of Natural Theology and Ethics,” Science and Religion Seminar for Archdiocesan Teachers, Aquinas College, June, 2018.

“Foxy and φύσις: A Sartrean or an Aristotelian Existential Crisis?,” Colloquium for Spectemus et Contemplemus: The Thomistic Society for Philosophy & Film, held at The Center for Thomistic Studies, April 28, 2018.

“On the Foundational Compatibility of Phenomenology & Thomism,” ACPA Sponsored Satellite Session, National Meeting of the ACPA, Dallas, TX, Fall 2017.

- “What is ‘Better Known’ to Us? Albert the Great and Aquinas on the ‘better known quoad nos’ Puzzle in Aristotle’s *Posterior Analytics* and *Physics*,” American Maritain Association, New Orleans, Spring, 2017 (Co-Authored with John Boyer).
- “Albert and Aquinas on What is “Better Known” in Aristotle’s *Posterior Analytics* and *Physics*,” ACPA Sponsored Satellite Session, National Meeting of the ACPA, San Francisco, 2016 (Co-Authored with John Boyer).
- “A Dialectic with Jacques Maritain on the “πρῶτον ψεῦδος of phenomenology:” On the Foundational Compatibility of Phenomenology & Thomism,” American Maritain Association, New York, Spring, 2016.
- “Through the Things that are Made: A Presentation on Nature and Arguments for the Existence of God,” for Augustine Without Walls, at Clare Hall, University of St. Thomas, November 6, 2015.
- “*Modeling* and Aristotelian Induction,” Society for Thomistic Natural Philosophy, National Meeting of the ACPA, Boston M.A., 2015.
- “Albertus Magnus and Thomas Aquinas on Aristotle’s Use of γνωριμωτέρων in *Posterior Analytics* I.2 and *Physics* I.1,” Kalamazoo Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2015 (Co-Authored with John Boyer).
- “Notes on Aristotelian ἐπαγωγή,” Graduate Student Colloquium (Gather Around the Thomists), Center for Thomistic Studies at the University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX, March 2015.
- “Penitential Method as Phenomenological: The Penitential ἐποχή,” presented at the ACPA Satellite Session of the Society for Thomistic Personalism, at National Meeting of the ACPA, Washington, D.C., 2014.
- “The Avicennian Formulation of the Subject Matter of Metaphysics,” Aquinas and the ‘Arabs’ Conference, held at the University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX, September 6, 2014.
- “Aristotle, St. Thomas Aquinas, and the Role of Hypothetical Necessity in the Practical Syllogism,” The Houston Graduate Philosophy Symposium (Rice University, University of St. Thomas, and University of Houston), University of Houston, Spring 2014.
- “ΣΥΛΛΟΓΙΣΜΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΠΙΡΑΚΤΟΥ: St. Thomas Aquinas’ Solution to the Problem of the Practical Syllogism,” ACPA Sponsored Satellite Session, National Meeting of the ACPA, Indianapolis, 2013.

- “Definition and the *Reductio ad Vegetabilem*: Comments on Professor Tkacz’s Treatment of Albertus Magnus and the Error Ptolemaei,” Society for Thomistic Natural Philosophy, National Meeting of the ACPA, Los Angeles, 2012.
- “On the End and Scope of the Phenomenological Method (ἐποχή),” 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Gonzaga University Spring Philosophy Conference, April 14, 2012.
- “Intention and Reasoning *Ex Suppositione Finis*,” Houston Baptist University, Philosophy Conference on Divine and Human Action, Houston TX, March 31, 2012.
- “A Thomistic Critique of Occasionalism from Natural Causality, Divine Omnipotence, and the Psychology of Human Agency.” A presentation made at Bishop White Seminary, Spokane WA, May 18, 2010.
- “A Thomistic-Aristotelian Critique of Occasionalism from the Epistemological Requirements for Creation and Omnipotence,” Gonzaga University Graduate Student Philosophy Colloquium, March 21, 2010.
- “The Penitential Ἐποχή,” 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gonzaga University Spring Philosophy Conference, April 10, 2009.
- “On the Meanings of *Transcendence* and *Immanence* in Husserl’s *The Idea of Phenomenology*,” Gonzaga University Graduate Student Philosophy Colloquium, March 13, 2009.
- “A Critical Analysis of Nietzsche’s Exercise of the Faculty of the Imagination in *Beyond Good and Evil*,” Gonzaga University Graduate Student Philosophy Colloquium, November 14, 2008.
- “Contra Al-Ghazali: St. Thomas’ Account of Secondary Cause & God’s Omnipotence,” 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Gonzaga University Spring Philosophy Conference, April 2008 (Awarded Best Paper).
- “The Thread *Psyche*: The Dialectical Development of the Soul from Thales to Plato’s *Phaedo*,” 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gonzaga University Spring Philosophy Conference, April 2007.

## **Courses Taught**

Aquinas College, Spring 2020

Introduction to Philosophy (101)  
 What is Justice? (110)  
 Philosophy & Ancient Greek (310)

Philosophy of Creation (450)  
 Buddhist Ethics & Aristotle (450)

Aquinas College, Fall 2019

Introduction to Philosophy (101)  
 Medical Ethics (244)  
 Metaphysics (331)  
 Buddhist Philosophy (Independent Study, 399)

Aquinas College, Spring, 2019

Introduction to Philosophy (101)  
 Phenomenology (310)  
 Categories (PH450)

Aquinas College, Fall, 2018

Introduction to Philosophy (101)  
 Medical Ethics (244)  
 Medieval Philosophy (220)  
 Philosophical Greek (399, Independent Study)  
 Thomas Aquinas on the Human Act (399, Independent Study)

Aquinas College, Spring, 2018

Introduction to Philosophy (101)  
 Ancient Philosophy (214)  
 The Human Act & Good (310)  
 Positive Psychology & Virtue Ethics (450)

Aquinas College, Fall, 2017

Introduction to Philosophy (101)  
 Medical Ethics (244)  
 Epistemology (306)

University of St. Thomas, Spring, 2016:

Philosophy of Human Person (1311)  
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University of St. Thomas, Fall, 2015:

Philosophy of Human Person (1311)  
 Philosophy of Human Person (1311)

Philosophy of Human Person (1311)

University of St. Thomas, Spring, 2015:

Philosophy of Human Person (1311)

Philosophy of Human Person (1311)

University of St. Thomas, Fall, 2014:

Philosophy of Human Person (1311)

Philosophy of Human Person (1311)

University of St. Thomas, Spring, 2014:

Philosophy of Human Person (1311)

University of St. Thomas, Fall, 2013:

Metaphysics (3313)

Metaphysics (3313)

University of St. Thomas, Summer Session II, 2013:

Philosophy of Human Person (1311)

University of St. Thomas, Fall Semester, 2012

Ancient Philosophy (1315)

Ancient Philosophy (3315)

## **Languages**

English (Native language)

Ancient Greek (passed CTS' Doctoral-level translation exam: Summer, 2011)

Latin (passed CTS' Doctoral-level translation exam: Fall, 2014)

French (passed CTS' Doctoral-level translation exam: Summer, 2012)

German (passed CTS' Doctoral-level translation exam: Summer, 2014)

Spanish (limited to Elementary and High School Education)

## **Honors and Awards**

Award for Mentoring a Student Researcher, Aquinas College, Fall, 2019

Award for Mentoring a Student Researcher, Aquinas College, Fall, 2018

Awarded Full Tuition Remission & Full Stipend, the Center for Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX, 2011.

Recipient of the Hutchins Prize (then the J.E. Simons Memorial Award) for Best Paper of the Fourth Annual Gonzaga University Spring Philosophy Conference, April 5, 2008

Awarded the Fr. Richard E. Twohy, S.J., Graduate Philosophy Scholarship for the Academic Year of 2006-2007, Gonzaga University

Received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award through the Gonzaga Philosophy Department from the Graduate Student Association for the Academic Year of 2006-2007

Graduate Assistant Scholarship in Philosophy (Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Summer 2007, and Fall 2007), Gonzaga University

### **Invited Lectures**

Guest Lecturer, Karol Wojtyła: Early Life and Works, John P. Hittinger: “Descartes and Husserl: The Historical Context of Wojtyła’s Phenomenology,” University of St. Thomas, Spring 2015.

Guest Lecturer, Philosophy of Human Person, John Deely: “Lectures on Euthyphro, Meno, Phaedo, & Republic” (8), University of St. Thomas, Fall 2014.

Guest Lecturer, for the course Great Philosophers and their Works, Aquinas (439-01), Dr. John P. Hittinger: “Aristotle and St. Thomas Aquinas on the principles of nature,” Houston Baptist University, Fall 2014.

Guest Lecturer, Ethics 301, Dr. Debby Hutchins: “On Pope Leo XIII’s Articulation of a Just Wage From Natural Law,” Gonzaga University, Spring 2008.

### **Editorial & Bibliographical Work**

Composed Comprehensive Bibliography in EndNote for the work of Karol Wojtyła (Pope John Paul II), for The John Paul II Forum, 2015.

Editing & Transcription, *Introductory Course in Metaphysics* (unpublished text book), for Dr. Theodore Rebard.

Editing, *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association*, 2011 & 2012, for Dr. R.E. Houser.



Editing Latin Translations, R.E. Houser and Timothy B. Noones' translation of Bonaventure's *Commentary on the Sentences: Philosophy of God* (Franciscan Inst. Publications, 2014), 2012-2013.

Editing Kirk M. Besmer's *Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology: The Problem of Ideal Objects*, (Continuum International Publishing Group, London, 2007), summer, 2007.

### **Professional & Academic Service**

President of the Society for Thomistic Natural Philosophy, 2020—

Article Referee for American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly, Spring, 2020.

Co-founder of and Editor of *Reality: A Journal for Philosophical Discourse*, 2019—.

Co-founder of Spectemus et Contemlemus: The Thomistic Society for Philosophy & Film, 2017.

Graduate Assistant to the John Paul II Forum, for John P. Hittinger, Spring 2014—Spring, 2016.

Co-founder of The Society for 21<sup>st</sup> Centaury Thomism, 2015.

Assistant to the American Catholic Philosophical Association, for R.E. Houser, 2012-2013, Summer & Fall 2014.

Teaching and Research Assistant to John Deely, *Rudman Chair of Graduate Philosophy*, Fall 2014.

Chaired ACPA Satellite Session, *Contemporary Ethics*, Washington, D.C., 2014.

Ethics Workshop: Working with the director of Student Life, I evaluated and helped to reformulate Gonzaga's mandatory Ethics Workshop for students caught in the act of school policy infractions, Spring, 2007.

Facilitator, Ethics Workshops,  
Gonzaga University, Spring Semester, 2007, and Fall Semester, 2007.

### **Professional Associations**

American Catholic Philosophical Association, 2010—.

American Maritain Association, 2016—.

Member of Phi Sigma Tau, International Honor Society in Philosophy, April, 2008.

### **Habits for Flourishing Outside the Academy**

Acoustic Guitar, Song Writing, and Poetry with my Darling Wife; Hunting and Fly Fishing; Carpentering with my Father; Golf; and, Reading, Playing Baseball, and Snowboarding with my Sons and Daughter.

### **References**

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Graduate Professor, Academic Mentor

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