

AOS: Theology-Science Dialogue, Muslim-Christian Dialogue, Catholic Speculative and Systematic Theology

AOC: Biblical Studies, Latin and Arabic Medieval Philosophy and Theology, Philosophy of Religion, General Philosophy of Science, Catholic Sacred Music

Principal Education

PhD (Cand.), Systematic Theology and Ethics, Marquette University, (Ant. Fall 2023)

Dissertation: "Miracles and Laws of Science: Insights for Contemporary Dialogue on Divine Action from Said Nursi and Thomas Aquinas,"

Directed by Irfan Omar, Committee: Mark Johnson, Rev. Cathal Doherty, SJ, Ignacio Silva (Univ. of Oxford, Univ. Austral Arg.)

MA, Theology, St. Joseph's Seminary (Dunwoodie), May 2018

BA, Music, St. Bonaventure University, May 2017, *Summa cum laude*

PhL, Philosophy (MA equiv.), The Catholic University of America, May 2014

PhB, Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, May 2013

Summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Research and Publications

Book

Why Nature Matters: Unlocking Catholic Doctrine through Commonsense Philosophy.

Chicago: New Priory Press, 2022.

Peer Reviewed Academic Articles

"AI/ML Chatbots' Souls, or Transformers: Less than Meets the Eye," *New Blackfriars* (Accepted)

"Why Angels and Aliens Do Not Receive the Sacraments," *New Blackfriars* 103 (2022): 678-685

"Virtual Catholicism? A Phenomenological and Psychosomatic Critique," *Antiphon* 25.3 (2021): 318-331.

"John Finnis's Philosophical Ethics in the Catholic Tradition: A Response to Recent Criticism," *Lex Naturalis* 6 (2021): 51-86.

"Renewability and Land-Ethic: The Proto-Ecological Ethics of *Rerum Novarum*," *Asian Horizons* 15.2 (2021): 394-406.

"An Anscombian Approach to Beauty in Sacred Music," *Antiphon* 22.3 (2018): 243-261

"Would St. Thomas Aquinas Baptize an Extraterrestrial?" *New Blackfriars* 99 (2018): 440-457 [Wiley-Blackwell Top-Downloaded Article 2017-2018]

Peer Reviewed Book Chapter

"Missions to Extraterrestrials," in *Jesuits in Science Fiction*, ed. Richard Feist. Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press, Forthcoming.

Other Scholarly Articles

“The Cosmic Catastrophe of History: Patristic Angelology and Augustinian Theology of History in Tolkien's 'Long Defeat,’” *Journal of Tolkien Research*, 14.2.5 (2022): 1-9

“The Hymns of Lauds,” *Sacred Music* 143.1 (Spring 2016): 7-25

“Apophaticism and Nature in St. Gregory of Nyssa’s 'On Not Three Gods,’” *Dunwoodie Review* 39 (2016): 149-162

“An ‘Intellectual’ Conversion in the Theology of St. Thomas Aquinas,” *Dunwoodie Review* 38 (2015): 84-95.

Other Scholarly Book Chapter

“Cosmic and Historical Catastrophe: Early Christian Theology in Tolkien's 'Long Defeat,’” in *Tolkien and Evil*, ed. Michael Wodzak. Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press, Forthcoming.

Invited Book Reviews

Emergence: Towards a New Metaphysics and Philosophy of Science by Mariusz Tabaczek
Nova et Vetera (English) 21 (2023): Forthcoming.

Divine Action and Emergence: An Alternative to Panentheism by Mariusz Tabaczek
Nova et Vetera (English), Forthcoming.

Other Summative Research Projects

MA Theology Thesis: “The Identity of *Bene ha’Elohim* in Genesis 6: Text and Reception from Alexandria to Beowulf,” directed by Rev. Eugene Pentiuć, ThD, PhD

BA Music Capstone: “Mass of the Annunciation with Propers from AD 600-2015,” directed by Laura Peterson, MM, and Jennifer Donelson, DMA

PhL Thesis: “John Locke and John Finnis on the Grounding of Natural Rights,” directed by V. Bradley Lewis, PhD

In Progress

“The Equality of Spouses: Liturgical Precedent for the Development of Doctrine in *Mulieris Dignitatem*” (In Progress)

“Laws of Science, *ṭabī’a’*, and the *mânâ-yı harfî*: Can There Be An Islamic Aristotelianism?” for *Katre: Interational Human Studies Journal* (In Progress)

Review of *Matter and Mathematics: An Essentialist Account of Laws of Nature* by Andrew Yoonan, Invited by *Nova et Vetera* (In Progress)

“Intersubjectivity and the Body in Heaven: Resources in Eschatology from Hans Urs von Balthasar and John Paul II,” (Submitted for Initial Review)

Selected Invited Lectures and Conference Presentations

“Laws of Science, *ṭabī’a’*, and the *mânâ-yı harfî*: Can There Be An Islamic Aristotelianism?,” 12th Annual International Graduate Conference, Istanbul Foundation for Science and Culture, Istanbul, Türkiye, August 11, 2023

- “Bonnie and Buxom in Bed and Board'? Pre-Tridentine Wedding Vows and the Anglo-Norman Additional Promise of Obedience,” *Political Liturgies in the High Middle Ages: Beyond the Legacy of Ernst H. Kantorowicz* Panel, International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 11-13, 2023
- “The Cosmic Catastrophe of History: Augustinian Theology of History and Patristic Angelology in Tolkien's 'Long Defeat,’” *Tolkien and Evil* Panel, International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 9-14, 2022 (Online)
- “God's Patience: A Biblical Attribute in Light of Cosmological and Evolutionary Explosions,” *The Great Waters of the Kingdom of Matter: Faith, Religion, Science, and Reality*, Paper Presentation, *Lumen et Vita* Spring Conference, Boston College, March 26, 2022.
- “Substantial Form and *Actus Essendi*: Avenues and Obstacles on the Way from Philosophy of Science to Natural Theology,” *Natural Theology in the 21st Century*, Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion, University of Oxford, July 15-17, 2021, (Online).
- “Miracles, Laws of Science, and the Epistemological Stance of the Theologian,” *Development of Doctrine: Revelation, Magisterium, and Human Person Conference*, Paper Presentation, St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry, Rochester, NY, June 10-12, 2021, (Online).
- “Can One Be Rationally Convinced of the Truth of Christianity? A Case Study in the Theology of Thomas Aquinas,” *The Question of Belief* Panel, International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 10-15, 2021, (Online).
- “Scripture as Story: The Pedagogical Advantages of Literary Difference,” Society for Biblical Literature-American Academy of Religion Upper Midwest Regional Conference, St. Thomas University, St. Paul, MN, April 9-11, 2021 (Online).
- “Virtual Catholicism? An Anthropological and Sacramental Critique,” *Pandemic & Religion*, Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, Boston College, February 27, 2021, (Online).
- “The New Hyde Park and the New Evangelization,” *Symposium for Advancing the New Evangelization*, Colloquium Presentation, Benedictine College, Atchison, KS. March 30, 2019
- “An Anscombian Approach to Beauty in a Postmodern World,” Society for Catholic Liturgy Conference, Philadelphia, PA. September 28-29, 2017
- “Gratitude, Chesterton, Creation, and the Liturgy,” Theodore B. Basselin Hundredth Anniversary Lecture, Basselin College of the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. April 22, 2014

Academic Languages (Est. CEFR Reading Proficiency)

Latin, Attic Greek [High Honors, National Greek Exam, 2014], Biblical Hebrew, Fushḥa Arabic (B.1), Spanish (B.1), French (B.1), German (A.2), Turkish (A.2)

Teaching Experience

As Instructor of Record:

Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA (Fall 2022-present)

Global and Cultural Perspectives (World Religions), Department of Theology
Modality: In-Person

Prince George's Community College, Largo, MD (Fall 2018-present)

Introduction to Philosophy (Undergraduate), Department of Humanities,
Philosophy Area, Modalities: In-Person, Asynchronous Online
Ethics (Undergraduate), Department of Humanities, Philosophy Area, Modality:
Asynchronous Online

Mount Saint Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD (Spring 2019-Spring 2020)

Foundations of Philosophy (Undergraduate), Department of Philosophy,
Modality: In-Person
Philosophy in the Modern Age (Undergraduate), Department of Philosophy,
Modality: In-Person

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA (January-February 2018)

The Philosophy of God of Thomas Aquinas (Graduate and Undergraduate),
Philosophy, Religion, and Ethics, Independent Activities Period Course
(non-credit), Modality: In-Person

As Teaching Assistant:

Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI (Fall 2020-Spring 2023)

Theology Honors Program, assisting Dr. Jennifer Henery, Modality: In-Person
Theologies of Non-violence, assisting Dr. Irfan Omar, Modality: In-Person
Religion, Science, and Ethics, assisting Dr. Jame Schaefer, Modality: In-Person
Foundations in Theology, assisting Dr. Joseph Ogbonnaya, Modality: In-Person

Additional Education

Introduction to Digital Humanities Course, Harvard University (Harvardx Online),
June 2023

Bioethics Continuing Education Course, Pontifical John Paul II Institute, Washington,
DC, Fall 2019

Ecclesiology (Graduate), Domuni International Dominican University (Online),
Toulouse, France, Fall 2017
Sacred Music Courses (Graduate), St. Cecelia Academy for Pastoral Musicians, St.
Joseph's Seminary (Dunwoodie), Yonkers, NY, Fall 2015-Spring 2016
Instrumental Conducting (Undergraduate), Benjamin T. Rome School of Music,
Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, Spring 2014
Franciscan Hagiography (Graduate), Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University,
Spring 2011
Francis E. Kelley Oxford Programme (Undergraduate), Trinity College, University of
Oxford, 2010

Awards and Honors

Istanbul Foundation for Science and Culture, 2023

Full Travel and Accommodation Grant for the 12th Annual Graduate Conference,
August 6-12, 2023

Marquette University, 2020-2023

Supplemental Research Grant, Department of Theology, Spring 2023
Graduate Research Travel Grant, Graduate School, Spring 2023
Teaching Fellowship (Full tuition and living stipend), 2020-2023

St. Joseph's Seminary, 2014-2016

Msgr. Edward M. Connors Scholarship (Full tuition, room, and board for
graduate studies in theology), 2014-2016
Knights of Columbus McGivney Scholarship for Academic Excellence (national
merit scholarship), 2015-2016

The Catholic University of America, 2011-2014

Basselin Fellowship (Full tuition, room, and board for undergraduate and
graduate studies in philosophy), 2011-2014
Phi Beta Kappa, 2013
Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy honors society), 2013

St. Bonaventure University, 2009-2011, 2017

General Excellence in the Arts Curriculum (awarded to student with the highest
GPA in the School of Arts and Sciences), 2017
Presidential Scholarship (highest merit scholarship awarded by St. Bonaventure
University), 2009-2011
Music Talent Scholarship (highest merit scholarship awarded by the Music
Department), 2009-2011
Theology Department Scholarship (highest merit scholarship awarded by the
Theology Department), 2009-2011
Phi Eta Sigma (First-year honors society), 2010

Academic Society Memberships

American Academy of Religion, 2021-present

Thomistic Institute, 2021-present

Philosophy of Science Association, 2022-present

Selected Professional Service

Peer Reviewer for *Humanistica Lovanensia Journal of Neo-Latin Studies*, 2023-present

Phi Beta Kappa Community Member, Marquette University, 2020-2023

Della Ratta Award Selection Committee, Phi Beta Kappa Faculty, Mount Saint Mary's University (Emmitsburg), Spring 2019

Registration Assistant, Sacra Liturgia USA 2015, New York City, NY, June 1-4, 2015

Work Experience

Duquesne University, Adjunct Professor of Theology, 2022-present

Prince George's Community College, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, 2018-present

Marquette University, Teaching Fellow, Theology Department, 2020-2023

Mount St. Mary's University, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, 2019-2020

St. Mary's Catholic School, Social Studies and Religion Department Head, 2018-2019

Fellowship of Catholic University Students, Campus Missionary (at the University of Mary Washington and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology), 2016-2018

Archdiocese of New York, Seminarian, 2011-2016

Minisink Valley Central Schools, Substitute Teacher, 2010-2012

Selected Professional Development

"St. Thomas on Acedia," by Sr. Anna Wray, PhD (Catholic University), Thomistic Institute Summa Theologiae Reading Group, October-November 2022.

Graduate Student Roundtable with Dr. Oliver O'Donovan, Trinity International University, April 21, 2022.

Communio Open Reading Group, St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry, 2022

Graduate Student Roundtable with Dr. Angela Franks, Marquette University, December 1, 2021

Graduate Student Roundtable with Dr. Rowan Williams, Marquette University, April 13, 2021

"The Grace of Christ's Human Nature," by Dr. Joseph Wawrykow (Notre Dame), Thomistic Institute Summa Theologiae Reading Group, March 2021

International Symposium on the Aesthetic Dimensions of Science: Beauty, Awe, and Wonder in Scientific Inquiry, The Catholic University of America, June 3, 2019

Thomistic Philosophy Workshop, Mount Saint Mary College (Newburgh), June 14-17, 2018

Veterum Sapientia Living Latin Immersion, The Catholic University of America,
August 2-8, 2015

“Educating Young People in Justice and Peace,” Catholic Social Teaching Seminar,
Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations-Path to Peace
Foundation, New York City, May 20-25, 2012

Selected Non-Academic Invited Lectures

“Righteous Demon Spawn: Redeeming a Demonic Bloodline in the Merlin Mythos,
Hellboy, and *Teen Titans’ Raven*,” Doxacon: Christianity and Science Fiction
Conference, Conference Lecture, St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Bethesda,
MD. November 4-5, 2022.

“Science, God, and Living a Meaningful Life,” Dept. of Franciscan Studies, Theology,
and Applied Ethics, Saint Francis University, Loretto, PA. March 14, 2022.

“The Artifice of Escape: Chesterton and Star Wars on Hope,” Doxacon: Christianity and
Science Fiction Conference, Conference Lecture, Online. November 6-7, 2020.

“Aquinas’s Five Ways,” Catholics on Campus Talk, Boston University, Boston, MA.
April 17, 2018

“St. Thomas Aquinas on the Emotions—and What It Means,” Tech Catholic Community
Talk, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA. April 17, 2018

3=1? Tough Questions about God, Question the Faith Semester-Long Series, University of
Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA. Spring 2017