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Curriculum Vitae
Associate Professor of Philosophy
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, Saint Louis University, August 2015

M.A., Philosophy, Saint Louis University, January 2008

M.A., Apologetics, Southern Evangelical Seminary (*summa cum laude*), May 2002

B.A., Philosophy, Iowa State University of Science and Technology, December 1996

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Metaphysics, Philosophical Theology, Philosophy of Religion

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of Philosophy, Epistemology, Moral Philosophy

DISSERTATION TITLE: “Realistic Particularism and Accidental Unities:
Toward a Theory of Persistence”

COMMITTEE: Jonathan D. Jacobs (Chair), Scott Berman, Jason Turner

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “The Word Made Flesh: A Thomistic Response to the Two-Sons Worry” presented at the *My Father and Your Father: On Divine Filiation* conference of the Sacra Doctrina Project, St. Louis, MO, June 2026.
- “Classical Theism and Modal Collapse: A Thomistic Reply” presented as part of the *Philosophy Lecture Series* at St. Patrick’s Pontifical University, Maynooth, Ireland, April 23, 2006.
- “Divine Simplicity, the Identity of God’s Act, and the Contingency of Creation: A Thomistic Response to Modal Collapse” presented at the *Philosophy Graduate Program Colloquium*, Franciscan University, March 4, 2026.
- “A Radical Cosmological Argument: The Real Distinction and the Problem of Uncaused Contingents” in *Metaphysical Alternatives vs. Alternative Semantics*, Gyula Klima and Timothy Kearns (ed.), (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2025: 42-63).

- “Divine Necessity and Creation: A Defense of Classical Theism” presented at the *All Things That Were Made: On Creation, Creatures, and Their Creator*, St. Paul, MN, June 2024.
- “The Problem of Evil and Suffering” presented at Cross & Crown Anglican Church, Double Oak, TX, April 2024.
- “Contemporary Atheism and Classical Theism” present at the *Philosophical Salon*, Loras College, Dubuque, IA, April 2023.
- “A Radical Cosmological Argument: The Real Distinction and the Problem of Uncaused Contingents” presented at the satellite session of the Society of Medieval Logic and Metaphysics at the *American Catholic Philosophical Association annual meeting*, Houston, TX, November 2023.
- “Divine Simplicity & Divine Will: A Scholastic-Style Defense of Classical Theism” presented at the satellite session of the Sacra Doctrina Project at the *American Catholic Philosophical Association annual meeting*, New Orleans, LA, November 2022.
- “God Never Determined: Garrigou-Lagrange on Divine Simplicity and Responsiveness” presented at the *Grace and Sanctification Conference: Divine Causality, Human Action, and Supernatural Glory*, Thomas Aquinas College, Northfield, MA, June 2022.
- “Pure Actuality and Divine Freedom: A Brief Response to Mullins and Craig” presented at the satellite session of the Sacra Doctrina Project at the *American Catholic Philosophical Association annual meeting*, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO, November 2021.
- “The Philosopher of God and Common Sense” in *Wisdom and Wonder*, Brandon Vogt (ed.), (San Francisco, CA: Ignatius Press, Fall 2021).
- “God and Emotions: Fr. Davies on Divine Impassibility” presented at the *American Maritain Association Conference*, New Orleans, March 2017.
- “The Temporal's 'Presentness' to Divine Eternity in Thomas Aquinas” in *Categories, and What is Beyond*, Gyula Klima and Alexander W. Hall (ed.), (Newcastle upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2011), pp. 97-110.
- “God’s Relation to the World” presented at the *Pacific Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers*, Biola University, La Mirada, CA, February 2004.
- “Should a Rational Person Believe the Claims of Christianity?” presented at Iowa State University as part of the *Lectures Program*, Ames, IA, March 24, 2004.
- “Divine Simplicity”, presented at Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO, December 2003.
- “The 'Presentness' of the Temporal to Eternity” presented at the *Central Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers*, Biola University, La Mirada, CA, March 2002,
- “Aquinas on the Temporal's Knowledge of the Eternal” presented at the satellite session on medieval logic and metaphysics at the *American Catholic Philosophical Association annual meeting*, Cincinnati, OH, November 2002.
- “The 'Presentness' of the Temporal to Eternity” presented at the *Central Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers*, Bethel College, St. Paul, MN, March 2002.
- “Van Tillian Apologetics” presented at SES's philosophical forum, Charlotte, NC, November, 2000.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Divine Word College, Epworth, Iowa, 2025-present
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Divine Word College, Epworth, Iowa, 2019-2025
Lecturer in Philosophy, Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, 2018-present
Lecturer in Philosophy, Mt. Mercy University, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 2011-present
Theology Instructor, Xavier High School, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 2016-2019
Instructor, Clarke University, Dubuque, Iowa, 2014-2015
Instructor, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 2011-2012
Associate Professor of Philosophy, Southern Evangelical Seminary, 2005-2011
Instructor, Southern Evangelical Seminary, 2005
Instructor, St. Louis Christian College, Florissant, MO, 2004-2005
Instructor, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO 2003-2005
Instructor, St. Charles Community College, Saint Charles, MO 2003-2004
Research Assistant, Susan Brower-Toland and Joseph Salerno, 2002-2003
Research Assistant, Veritas Graduate School, 2000-2002

COURSES TAUGHT (SELECT LIST)

- History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (seminary course)
- History of Medieval Philosophy (seminary course)
- History of Modern Philosophy (seminary course)
- Plato's Philosophy (seminary course)
- Philosophy of Søren Kierkegaard (seminary course)
- Philosophy of Kant (seminary course)
- Systematic Theology I: Prolegomena & Bibliology (seminary course)
- Systematic Theology II: Theology Proper & Christology (seminary course)
- Systematic Theology III: Hamartiology and Soteriology (seminary course)
- Contemporary Metaphysics (seminary course)
- Metaphysics (seminary and undergraduate course)
- Philosophy of God (seminary and undergraduate course)
- Divine Simplicity and the Trinity (seminary and undergraduate course)
- St. Thomas's Philosophical Theology (seminary and undergraduate course)
- Epistemology (seminary and undergraduate course)
- Symbolic Logic (seminary and undergraduate course)
- Moral Philosophy (seminary and undergraduate course)
- Philosophy of Human Nature (undergraduate course)
- Introduction to Western Philosophy (undergraduate course)

ACTIVITIES

- Member, The American Catholic Philosophical Association
- Member, American Catholic Philosophical Association Committee on Priestly Formation
- Member, The Society of Christian Philosophers
- Affiliate Member, *Sacra Doctrina Project*
- Member of Iowa State University Baseball Team (1990-91)
- Member of Athletes in Action, European Baseball Team (1992)

AWARDS RECEIVED

- Finalist for teacher of the year three out of the four years of being eligible at Divine Word College.
- Selected as Baccalaureate Speaker by the senior class, Xavier High School, May 15, 2018.
- *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* (2007, 2015)
- *Teacher Recognition*: Saint Louis University (2004)
- Full Tuition Scholarship: Saint Louis University (2002-2005)
- Teaching Fellowship: Saint Louis University (2002-2005)
- Graduated with highest honors from Southern Evangelical Seminary
- Presidential Scholarship: Southern Evangelical Seminary (2001-2002)
- Research Assistantship: Southern Evangelical Seminary (2000-2001)
- Dean's List: Iowa State University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- External Reviewer, *The Heythrop Journal*, edited by John Moffat.
- Department Chair of Theology and Philosophy, Divine Word College, Epworth, Iowa 2022-present
- Department Chair, Theology, Xavier High School, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 2018-2019
- Dissertation Committee Member, Mr. David Haines, *The Quest for Being*, Université Laval, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, February 5, 2017
- Department Chair, Philosophy, Southern Evangelical Seminary 2009-2011
- Director of the Veritas Graduate School of Apologetics, Southern Evangelical Seminary 2006-2008
- Faculty Advisor to students at Southern Evangelical Seminary 2006-2011
- President of the Saint Louis Philosophy Graduate Association 2004-2005
- Vice President of the Saint Louis Philosophy Graduate Association 2003-2004