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EDUCATION

- 1996 Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Iowa.
- 1993 M.A. in Philosophy, University of Iowa.
- 1991 B.A. in Philosophy (with honors), University of Colorado, Boulder.

Areas of Specialization: Medieval Philosophy, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion.

Areas of Research Interest: Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, Ethics.

EMPLOYMENT

- 2014–*Present* Professor of Philosophy, Purdue University.
- 2005–14 Associate Professor of Philosophy, Purdue University.
- 2000–05 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Purdue University.
- 1999–2000 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of St. Thomas.
- 1997–98 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Calvin College.

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2017–18 Research Fellowship, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame.
- 2010 Research Fellowship, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Cologne, Germany, May–June.
- 2009 Research Fellowship, Center for Humanistic Studies, Purdue University, Fall Semester.
- 2006–07 Research Fellowship, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Cologne, Germany.
- 1998–99 Research Fellowship, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame.
- 1996–97 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts, Valparaiso University.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2018–23 University Faculty Scholar, Purdue University.
- 2013–15 Templeton Foundation Grant on “Faith and Reason: Themes from Swinburne” (with Michael Bergmann), John Templeton Foundation.
- 2012 Enhancing Research in the Humanities & the Arts Grant (with Michael Bergmann), Purdue University.
- 2010 Excellence in Philosophy of Religion Prize for “Simplicity and Aseity” (selected as one of the 3 best papers published in philosophy of religion 2009), John Templeton Foundation.
- 2009 NEH Summer Seminar Participant, “Mind and Metaphysics” with John Heil, Washington University.
- 2004 NEH Summer Seminar Participant, “Soul and Substance in Aristotle and the Aristotelian Tradition” with Christopher Shields and Robert Pasnau, University of Colorado at Boulder.
- 2003 Summer Seminar Participant, “Aquinas on Mind, World, and Representation” with John Haldane, University of St. Thomas.
- 2001 Dean’s Incentive Grant, School of Liberal Arts, Purdue University.
- 1998 Summer Seminar Participant, “Anselm: Faith Seeking Understanding” with Eleonore Stump, Calvin College.
- 1996–97 Outstanding Dissertation in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Iowa.
- 1992–93 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, College of Liberal Arts, University of Iowa.

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

1. *Aquinas's Ontology of the Material World: Change, Hylomorphism, and Material Objects*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014. (345 pages)

Edited Books

1. *Reason and Faith: Themes from Richard Swinburne*. (Co-edited with Michael Bergmann). Oxford: Oxford University Press 2016.
2. *The Cambridge Companion to Abelard*. (Co-edited with Kevin Guilfooy). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.

Edited Journal Issue

1. Special issue of *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* on Peter Abelard, with "Editor's Introduction," 81 (2007): 162–167.

Journal Articles

1. "Platonism about Goodness—Anselm's Proof in *Monologion* 1," *TheoLogica: An International Journal for Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology* 3 (2019): 1–28.
2. "Aquinas on the Individuation of Substances," *Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy* 5 (2017): 122–150.
3. "Aquinas on the Problem of Universals," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 92 (2016): 715–735.
4. "Aristotelian Endurantism: A New Solution to the Problem of Temporary Intrinsic," *Mind* 119 (2010): 883–905.
5. "Aquinas on Mental Representation: Concepts and Intentionality" (with Susan Brower-Toland). *The Philosophical Review* 117 (2008): 193–243.
6. "Making Sense of Divine Simplicity." *Faith and Philosophy* 25 (2008): 3–30.
7. "A Theistic Argument Against Platonism (and in Support of Truthmakers and Divine Simplicity)." (With Michael Bergmann). *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* 2 (2006): 357–386.
8. "Material Constitution and the Trinity." (With Michael Rea). *Faith and Philosophy* 22 (2005): 57–76.
9. "Aquinas's Metaphysics of Modality: Reply to Leftow." *Modern Schoolman* 83 (2005): 201–212.
10. "The Problem with Social Trinitarianism: Reply to Wierenga." *Faith and Philosophy* 21 (2004): 295–303.
11. "Relations without Polyadic Properties: Albert the Great on the Nature and Ontological Status of Relations," *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 83 (2001): 225–57.
12. "Medieval Theories of Relations," *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Summer 2001 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/reasons-medieval/> (= 72 ms. pages).
13. "Abelard's Theory of Relations: Reductionism and the Aristotelian Tradition," *The Review of Metaphysics* 51 (1998): 605–631.

Book Chapters

1. "Aristotelian vs. Contemporary Perspectives on Relations." In *The Metaphysics of Relations*, eds. Anna Marmodoro and David Yates (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), 36–54.
2. "Matter, Form, and Individuation." In *The Oxford Handbook to Aquinas*, eds. Brian Davies and Eleonore Stump (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011), 85–103.
3. "Simplicity and Aseity." In *The Oxford Handbook to Philosophical Theology*, eds. Michael Rea and Thomas Flint (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009), 105–128.
4. "Anselm's Ethics." In *The Cambridge Companion to Anselm*, eds. Brian Davies and Brian Leftow (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004), 222–256.
5. "Abelard on the Trinity." In *The Cambridge Companion to Abelard* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004), 223–257.
6. "Editors' Introduction" (With Kevin Guilfooy). In *The Cambridge Companion to Abelard* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004), 1–12.

Short Articles and Reviews

1. Review of Hud Hudson, *Grotesque in the Garden* (Xerxes Press), *Journal of Analytic Theology* 6 (2018): 704–709.
2. "Matter." In *Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, ed. Robert Audi, 3rd ed. (Cambridge University Press, 2015), 638–9.
3. Review of Thomas Williams, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Duns Scotus*, *The Philosophical Review* 115 (2006): 259–262.

4. Review of John Haldane (ed.), *Mind, Metaphysics, and Value in the Thomistic and Analytical Traditions* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2002), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* March 2003, URL = <http://ndpr.icaap.org/content/archives/2003/3/brower-haldane.html>. (= 4 ms. pages).
5. Review of Richard Cross, *Duns Scotus* (Oxford University Press), *Philosophia Christi* 3 (2001): 310–11.
6. Review of Paul Vincent Spade (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Ockham* (Cambridge University Press), *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 38 (2000): 588–89.
7. Review of Simon Kemp, *Cognitive Psychology in the Middle Ages* (Greenwood Press), *Speculum* 75 (2000): 206–207.

Semi-Popular Articles

1. “The God of Eth and the God of Earth” (with Michael Bergmann). *Think: Philosophy for Everyone* 14 (2007): 33–38.
2. “Understanding the Trinity” (with Michael Rea). *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 8 (2004): 145–157.

PRESENTATIONS

1. “Thomistic Supersubstantialism—A Framework for Understanding Medieval Theories of Place.” *Power-Parts Project*, Oxford University, June 2019; *Cornell Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, June 2019; *Rutgers Metaphysics Reading Group*, November 2018; University of Groningen, May 2018; *Center for Philosophy of Religion*, University of Notre Dame, February 2018.
2. “Platonism about Goodness—Anselm’s Proof in *Monologion* 1.” *Medieval Philosophy Network Meeting*, Warburg Institute, London, June 2019; *Rutgers Philosophy of Religion Reading Group*, November 2018; *Bend Workshop in Metaphysics and Philosophy of Religion*, August 2018; *Cornell Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, June 2018; *Center for Philosophy of Religion*, University of Notre Dame, September 2017; *Sixth annual California Metaphysics Conference*, University of Southern California, January 2017; *Analytic Theology and the Nature of God*, Institut Nicod, Paris, September 2017; *Classical Theism Workshop*, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota, July 2016 (Commentator: James Arcadi).
3. “Aquinas on Omnipresence.” *Epistemology of Theism Workshop*, Nancy, France, June 2019; *Midwestern Medieval Philosophy Colloquium*, University of Notre Dame, April 2019; *Thomistic Institute Lecture*, Rutgers University, November 2018; Wheaton College, March 2018.
4. “Aquinas’s Ontology of Motion and Change,” *Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, June 2018.
5. “Thomistic Fragmentalism—Aquinas’s Views about Time and Temporal Objects.” *Center for Philosophy of Religion*, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, April 2018.
6. “Aquinas’s Hylomorphism in Philosophy of Mind.” Colgate University, November 2017; University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 2013; St. Cloud St. University, October 2010.
7. “Aquinas on the Individuation of Substances.” Georgetown University, March 2017; *Conference on Metaphysics and its History*, University of Colorado, Boulder, March 2016; University of Delaware, April 2015.
8. “Aquinas on the Material World.” Two sets of lectures at *Conférence Universitaire de la Suisse Occidentale*, Crêt-Bérard, Switzerland, November 2015.
9. “Divine Simplicity” and “Trinity”. Two sets of lectures at the *St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion*, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota, June 2015 (Commentators: Trenton Merricks on Simplicity and Brian Leftow on Trinity); two sets of lectures at *Calvin Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion*, Calvin College, July 2011.
10. “Augustine on Faith and Reason.” Hendrix College, February 2015.
11. “Aquinas on Prime Matter and Quantity in Individuation,” *University of Toronto Colloquium in Mediaeval Philosophy*, September 2014.
12. “Aquinas and the Medieval Problem of Universals.” *Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, May 2014; *Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics*, St. Louis University, October 2012; *Montreal Workshop in Nominalism*, May 2012.
13. “Aquinas’s Ontology of the Material World.” Two undergraduate lectures, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 2013.
14. “Reflections on Vocation.” *Lilly Fellows Graduate Student Conference*, St. John’s Collegeville, Minnesota, August 2013.
15. “Aristotelian vs. Contemporary Perspectives on Relations.” *The Problem of Relations in Late Ancient and Early Medieval Philosophy*, Lausanne, Switzerland, March 2013; *Metaphysics of Relations Conference*, Institute of Philosophy, London, October 2012.

16. "Aquinas's Ontology." *Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, May 2012.
17. "Aquinas on Human Personhood and Death." Ashland University, February 2012; Benedictine University, October 2011; University of Nebraska at Omaha, September 2011; Creighton University, September 2011; *Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, May 2011; Berry College, November 2010.
18. "Aquinas on Prime Matter." *Société Internationale pour l'Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale, Eastern APA*, December 2011.
19. "Aquinas on Material Objects." Four presentations to the Metaphysics Reading Group, University Notre Dame, January–May 2011.
20. "Aquinas's Metaphysics of Material Objects—A New Form of Substratum Theory." St. Louis University, March 2011; Syracuse University, April 2010; *Society of Christian Philosophers*, Wake Forest University, February 2010 (Commentator: Hud Hudson); *Metaphysics: Aristotelian, Scholastic, Analytic*, Prague, June 2010.
21. "Aquinas vs. Scotus and Ockham on Material Objects." Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, May 2010.
22. "Aquinas on Change and Hylomorphism." *Midwestern Conference in Medieval Philosophy*, Saint Louis University, October 2007; Thomas-Institut, University of Cologne, June 2007; Trinity College, Cambridge, March 2007; Charles Univeristy, Prague, November 2006; *Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, June 2006.
23. "Aseity and Simplicity." *Butler Society*, Oriel College, Oxford, February 2007; "Aquinas on Simplicity." *Czech Society of Thomas Aquinas*, Dominican Convent at St. Giles, Prague, November 2006.
24. "Aquinas on Material Substance." *Central APA Symposium* ("Theories of Substance: Ancient, Medieval, and Modern"), April 2006.
25. "Understanding the Trinity." Hope College, February 2005.
26. "Aquinas on Lying." *Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, June 2004; *Moody Conference in Medieval Philosophy*, UCLA, February 2004.
27. "Material Constitution and the Trinity" (With Michael Rea). *Eastern APA, Symposium*, December 2003; *Society of Christian Philosophers*, September 2002.
28. "Aquinas on Mental Representation" (with Susan Brower-Toland). *Midwest Conference in Medieval Philosophy*, Creighton University, September 2003.
29. "Anselm on Ethics." *Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, June 2003; Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, April 2003; "Anselm on Ethics." *Mid-West Seminar on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy*, Marquette University, March 2003; Purdue University, October 2002.
30. "Numerical Sameness without Identity: Abelard on the Trinity." Purdue University, November 2001; *Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, June 2001.
31. "Medieval Theories of Relations." *Medieval Studies Colloquium*, Purdue University, February 2001.
32. "Real Distinctions in a Simple God." *Founding session of the Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics*, American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting, University of Dallas, November 2000; *Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, June 2000; *35th International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, May 2000; *Center for Philosophy of Religion*, University of Notre Dame, February 1999.
33. "Albert the Great on the Nature and Ontological Status of Relations." *Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, May 2000; Purdue University, February 2000; Loyola University of Chicago, March 1997; Calvin College, February 1997.
34. "Making Sense of Divine Simplicity." *Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, June 1999.
35. "Abelard's Theory of Relations." *Conference on the Thought of Peter Abelard*, UCLA, February 1997; *31st International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, May 1996; Calvin College, March 1996; University of Toronto, February 1996;

COMMENTARIES AND REPLIES

1. Comments on Laurent Cesali, "De se vs. De Facto Ontology in Late Medieval Realism." *Eastern APA*, January 2019.
2. Comments on Christopher Martin, "Only God Can Make A Tree: Abaelard on Wholes and Parts and Some Evidence of His Later Thinking about Them." *Toronto Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, September 2018.
3. "Counterfactual Histories." Panel discussion (with Peter King and Calvin Normore), *Morris Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, April 2018.
4. "Aquinas's Fat Ontology." Debate with Robert Pasnau, *Morris Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, April 2018.
5. "Replies to Critics." Author-meets-critics session on *Aquinas's Ontology of the Material World*, *Central APA*, March 2016.

6. “Replies to Critics.” Author-meets-critics session on *Aquinas’s Ontology of the Material World*, *American Catholic Philosophical Association*, October 2015.
7. Comments on Phil Corkum, “Is Aristotle an Aristotelian Realist?” *Eastern APA*, New York, December 2009.
8. Comments on Bruce Marshall, “Christ the End of Analogy.” *Logos Philosophical Theology Workshop*, May 2009.
9. Comments on Brian Leftow, “Aquinas on God and Modal Truth.” *6th Henle Conference: Medieval Metaphysics*, April 2004.
10. Comments on Edward Wierenga, “Trinity and Polytheism.” *The Kenneth Konyndyk Memorial Lecture*, *Society of Christian Philosophers*, *Central APA*, April 2002.
11. Comments on Thomas Flint’s “Molinism, Freedom and the Incarnation.” *46th Annual Wheaton Philosophy Conference*, October 1999.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial and Advisory Board

- Associate: *Canadian Metaphysics Collaborative* (2019–Present)
- Consulting Editor: *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (2014–Present)
- Editorial Board: *Metaphysics* (2017–Present); *Journal of Analytic Theology* (2012–Present); *Yale Library of Medieval Philosophy and Theology* (2009–Present)
- Survey respondent: *Philosophical Gourmet Report* (2006, 2008, 2011, 2014)

Conference Organization

- *Faith and Reason: Themes from Swinburne*, conference at Purdue University, September 2014 (co-organized with Michael Bergmann), sponsored by a grant from the John Templeton Foundation.
- APA Program Committee, Central Division, 2008–2009.
- Midwest Conference in Medieval Philosophy, conference at Creighton University, September 2003 (co-organized with Jeffrey Hause).

Refereeing

- Book manuscripts: *Oxford University Press*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Routledge*.
- Journal articles: *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Faith and Philosophy*, *Medieval Philosophy and Theology*, *Recherches de Théologie et Philosophie Médiévales*, *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Studia Neoscholastica*.

TEACHING AT PURDUE

Graduate Seminars:

Medieval Theories of Space and Time (2016)
 Late-Medieval Ontology (2015)
 Medieval Theories of Relations (2012)
 Metaphysics (with Jan Cover 2016, 2011; with Mike Bergmann 2014)
 Aquinas on Material Objects (2008, 2010)
 Metaphysics of Material Substance (2004)
 Philosophy of Aquinas (2002)
 Medieval Problem of Universals (2000)

Graduate Independent Readings Courses:

Medieval Views of Causation: Aquinas and Suarez (2007)
 Medieval Metaphysics (2001)
 Latin Philosophical Texts (almost every semester since 2000)

Undergraduate Courses:

Philosophy of Religion (2011)
 History of Medieval Philosophy (almost every semester since 2000)
 Studies in Medieval Christian Thought (almost every other spring since 2000)
 Introduction to Philosophy (regularly)

Ethics (occasionally)
 Critical Thinking (occasionally)

Other Teaching:

Endnote Basics: Citation Management for Liberal Arts Scholars (2005, co-taught with Howard Zelaznik)

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Chair:

1. Joseph Krylow, "Against Materialism—Augustine on the Incorporeal" (in progress)
2. Joel Johnson, "Aquinas on Final Causation" (defended June 2018)
3. Justin Matchulat, "Aquinas on Practical Cognition and Moral Motivation" (defended May 2014)
4. Julie Swanstrom, "The Metaphysics of Causation in Creation" (defended August 2013)
5. Jake Tuttle, "Suarez's Metaphysics of Efficient Causation" (defended July 2013)
6. Tully Borland, "Scotus on Ethics and Divine Commands" (defended 2008)

Member:

1. Berman Chan, "Metaphysics of Goodness" (in progress)
2. Vincent Jacobson, "Concrete Propositions" (in progress)
3. Fr. Raphael Mary Salzillo, "The Soul as a Part in Aquinas" (University of Notre Dame, external member; defended 2019)
4. Davis Kuykendall, "Leibniz on Intra-Substantial Causation" (defended 2016)
5. Leonard Siddharta, "Moral Saints" (defended 2012)
6. Allen Ghering, "Truthmaker Theory and its Applications" (Indiana University, external member; defended 2012)
7. Winship Varner "In Defense of a Hylomorphic Analysis of Material Objects" (defended 2012)
8. Paul Gould, "Platonic Theism" (defended 2010)
9. Rebecca Lloyd, "Descartes's Account of Time" (defended 2009)
10. Randy Gibson, "The Mystery of Death: Toward a Pacifist Ethic" (defended 2008)
11. Allan Hillman, "Leibniz on Perfection and Limitation" (defended 2008)
12. Tad Robinson "Spinoza on Parts and Wholes" (defended 2007)
13. Kevin Sharpe, "Functionalism, Dispositions, and Mental Causation" (defended 2007)
14. James Madden, "Leibniz on Final Causation" (defended 2003)
15. Justin Skirry, "Problem of Mind–Body Union in Descartes" (defended 2003)
16. Louis Mancha, "Concurrentism: A Philosophical Investigation" (defended 2002)

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL OR UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Director of Graduate Studies (2018–*Present*)
 Department Colloquium Series Coordinator (2015–2017)
 Social Sciences Institutional Review Board, Alternate (2015–2017)
 CLA Grade Appeals Committee (Spring 2015)
 CLA Research Council Committee (Spring 2014)
 PRF Research Grant Review Committee (Spring 2014)
 Beinecke Scholarship Advisory and Review Committee (Spring 2014)
 Academic Appeals Committee (2012–2014)
 PRF International Travel Grant Review Committee (Fall 2013)
 Global Research Synergy Grant Proposal Review Committee (2012–2013)
 Center for Humanistic Studies Grant Proposal Review Committee (2011–2013)
 Grievance Committee (2008–*present*)
 Departmental Webpage Designer (2011)
 Director of Graduate Recruitment, Admissions, and Funding (2008–2010)
 Graduate Committee (2008–2010)
 Undergraduate Committee (Fall 2008)

Search Committee for New Hires (Fall 2008, Fall 2005, Fall 2001, Fall 2000)
Interview Committee for New Hires (Fall 2005, Fall 2001, Fall 2000)
Graduate Placement Director (2004–2006)
Educational Policy Committee (2003–2005)
Liberal Arts Honors Committee (2002–2003)
Undergraduate Committee (2002–2003)
Philosophy Department Strategic Planning Committee, Chair (Fall 2001)
PRF Research Grant Proposal Review Committee (Fall 2001)
Undergraduate Committee (Fall 2001)
Colloquium and Speakers (2000–2001, 2003–2004)
Dean's Scholar Mentor (2000–2001)

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Philosophical Association
Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy
American Catholic Philosophical Association
Society of Christian Philosophers

LANGUAGES AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

Greek and Latin (advanced reading)
German (intermediate reading and speaking)
Japanese (basic reading, intermediate speaking—at one time fluent)
Medieval Latin Paleography (basic knowledge)