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EDUCATION

PhD	Saint Louis University (Philosophy), 2025 ● Dissertation: "The Problem of Divine Hiddenness" ● Passed with distinction ● Committee: Eleonore Stump (director); Colleen McCluskey; John Peck, SJ
STL/ThM (concurrent)	Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara University (Systematic Theology), 2018 ● Thesis: "Belief in a Secular Age: Charles Taylor, John Henry Newman, and the New Evangelization" ● Defended *cum laude* ● Committee: Thomas Cattoi (director), Jerome Baggett
MDiv	Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara University, 2017
MA	Fordham University (Philosophical Resources), 2011
BS	Fordham University (Psychology, *magna cum laude*), 2009

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

Areas of Competency: Ancient Philosophy, Ethics, Epistemology

HONORS

2025	Member, Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society
2024	Collins Graduate Student Award, Philosophy Department, Saint Louis University
2024	Dissertation Research Fellowship, Saint Louis University

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

"Intuitions of Being and Experiences of God: Jacques Maritain on Aquinas's Five Ways." Chapter accepted for publication following blind peer-review, untitled volume from CUA Press on the legacy of Jacques Maritain, ed. Joel Johnson

"Affective Devotion: Suarez and Aquinas on the Virtue of *Religio*," in *Aquinas's Summa and Jesuit Ethics: A Call for Ressourcement*, eds. Matthew Levering and Aaron Pidel, SJ, forthcoming from CUA Press

"Leisure in a Technical Age: Bernard Stiegler and Josef Pieper on the Problem of Living," in *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture,* vol. 27, no. 1 (Jan. 2024)

"Josef Pieper and the Leisurely Program: Enabling Leisure in a Catholic Studies Center," in *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture,* vol 26, no. 5 (Sept. 2023)

"Incarnate Knowing: The Epistemology of John Henry Newman" in *The Heythrop Journal* 61, no. 5 (Sept. 2020)

"Classical Metaphysics and Gadamerian Hermeneutics" in *International Philosophical Quarterly* vol. 54, no. 1 (March 2014)

"The Story of the Person: Integrating Personalist Philosophy with Narrative Psychology" (with David Marcotte), in *The Humanistic Psychologist* vol. 39, no. 1 (Jan-Mar 2011)

Works in Progress

"Divine Hiddenness and Divine Simplicity," (article under peer review)

"Thomas Aquinas on Analogy and Simplicity," (article in preparation for peer review)

"Divine Love and Civil Authority" (article in preparation for peer review)

Conference Presentations

"Divine Simplicity and Right Relations: A Classical Theist Response to Integralism," Philosophy and the Abrahamic Religions (forthcoming)

"Knowing God Unknowingly," American Catholic Philosophical Association (November 2025)

"United to God through Faithful Charity," American Catholic Philosophical Association (November 2025)

"Unknowing Love: A Thomistic Response to the Hiddenness Argument," Society of Christian Philosophers (May 2025)

"Divine Love and Civil Authority." Presented at "Maritain on Democracy: Promise and Peril," American Maritain Association (April 2024)

"Analogy, Simplicity, and Divine Virtue." Presented at "Character, Virtue, and the Good Life," Society of Christian Philosophers (March 2024)

"Affective Devotion: Suarez and Aquinas on the Virtue of *Religio*." Conference on "Jesuit Readers of the *Secunda Pars*," Mundelein Seminary (Sept. 2023)

"Simplicity, Faith, and the Nones: Thomas Aquinas on Modern Belief." Sacra Doctrina Project (June 2023)

"Intuitions of Being and Experiences of God: Jacques Maritain on Aquinas's Five Ways." American Maritain Association (April 2023)

"Vindicating Divine Goodness: Davies and Aquinas on Evil," American Catholic Philosophical Association (Nov. 2022)

"Josef Pieper and the Leisurely Program: Enabling Leisure in a Catholic Studies Center." Catholic Studies Symposium, Loyola University (Sept. 2022)

"For Love of Being: Countering Ideology Through Personalist Thomism." American Maritain Association (April 2022)

"Ignatian Thomism." Lumen Christi Institute (May 2021)

Book Reviews (selected)

The Christian Philosophy of Jacques Maritain, by Jason L.A. West, in *Theological Studies* (forthcoming)

The Personalism of John Henry Newman by John F. Crosby, in *New Oxford Review*, vol. 82, no. 9 (November 2015)

Ethics as a Work of Charity: Thomas Aquinas on Pagan Virtue by David Decosimo, in *New Oxford Review*, vol 82, no. 2 (March 2015)

Aquinas and Maritain on Evil: Mystery and Metaphysics, ed. James G. Hanink, in *Homiletic and Pastoral Review* (May 2014)

TEACHING

2025-Present Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, Creighton University

2022-2025	Instructor, Philosophy Department, Saint Louis University -Instructor of record for "Ultimate Questions: The Examined Life," an intro to philosophy core class
2020-2022	Teaching Assistant, Philosophy Department, Saint Louis University -Assisted lead professors for the Intro to Philosophy and Intro to Ethics courses

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

Service

2024-Present	Book review editor, *Encyclopedia of Catholic Theology*
2024	Student representative, hiring committee for the Romano Guardini Chair, Saint Louis University
2020-2021	Organizing Committee for the 2021 Philosophy Graduate Student Association Conference, Saint Louis University
2009-2011	Faculty advisor, Theatrical Outreach Program, Fordham University
Aug. 2009-Dec. 2010	Degree program representative to Fordham's Graduate Student Assoc. Council

Memberships: American Philosophical Association; Society of Christian Philosophers; American Catholic Philosophical Association; American Maritain Association