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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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AOS: Medieval Philosophy  
AOC: Philosophy of Mind; Manuscript Studies

## EDUCATION

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**PhD candidate, Philosophy, University of Toronto (Centre for Medieval Studies)**

*Member of the Collaborative Specialization in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (CSAMP)* 2018-present

Thesis: Thomas Aquinas' Philosophy of Memory

**MA, Theology, University of Toronto/Toronto School of Theology** 2017-2018

**BA, Philosophy (major), Theology (minor), Christendom College** 2004-2007

## AWARDS

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**Canada Graduate Scholarship—Doctoral Scholarship (CGS-D)** 2019-2022

*\$105,000*

**Faculty of Arts and Science Top (FAST) Fellowship, University of Toronto** 2018-2022

*\$88,000*

**UofT School of Graduate Studies (SGS) Conference Grant** 2022

**APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend** 2020

**Michael Steinhauser Scholarship, Toronto School of Theology** 2018

Awarded to a graduate student with the highest academic achievement in the first year of studies.

## Undergraduate

President's Scholarship	2004-2007
Dean's List	2004-2007

## TA/TEACHING

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Early Medieval Philosophy (Simona Vucu) - TA/Tutorial leader	Fall 2022
Early Medieval Philosophy (Deborah Black) - TA/Tutorial leader	Fall 2021
Philosophy in the Age of the Internet (Mark G. Kingwell) - TA	Winter 2021

## PAPER PRESENTATIONS

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### *Invited*

Anselm on the Fall of the Devil	Sept. 2022 (upcoming)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guest lecture, <i>Early Medieval Philosophy</i>, University of Toronto</li></ul>	
Understanding the <i>vis cogitativa</i> through the <i>via negativa</i>	Sept. 2022 (upcoming)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Toronto Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy (UTCMP)</li></ul>	
Aquinas on Memory	April 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cologne-Toronto Graduate Student Colloquium</li></ul>	
Aquinas on Memory and Recollection	Feb. 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collaborative Specialization in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (CSAMP) work-in-progress group</li></ul>	
Aquinas and the Art of Memory	Nov. 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Christendom College</i>, philosophy department, guest lecture series</li></ul>	

### *Refereed*

The ' <i>Intentio</i> ' of Pastness in Aquinas' Theory of Memory	Feb. 2023 (upcoming)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>American Philosophical Association</i>, Central Division</li></ul>	
Memory, Cogitation and <i>Experimentum</i> in Pre-abstractive Cognition	Nov. 2022 (upcoming)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>American Catholic Philosophical Association</i> annual congress (poster)</li></ul>	
Thomas Aquinas on Memory as the Foundation for Morality	Aug. 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Issues in Philosophy of Memory 3</i>, Duke University</li></ul>	

- The *intentio* in Averroes' Philosophy of Perception: a Paradoxical Cognitive Object
- 57th International Congress on Medieval Studies May 2022
- The Problem of Willing Particulars in Aquinas' Action Theory
- *Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress* May 2022
  - *American Philosophical Association, Central Division* Feb. 2022
- The *Vis Cogitativa*: Aquinas' Neglected Cognitive Faculty
- *Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress* June 2021
- The Phenomenological Challenge to Colour Relationalism
- *Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress* June 2020  
(note: paper accepted but undelivered after conference cancelled due to Covid-19)
- Is the Well-Trained Memory Morally Virtuous?: Thomas Aquinas and the Art of Memory
- *American Philosophical Association, Central Division* Feb. 2020
  - *Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress* June 2019

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- Mitigating the Magic: The Role of Memory, the *Vis Cogitativa*, and Experience in Aquinas' Abstractionist Epistemology (Status: Submitted to the American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly)

## **TRANSLATIONS**

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- Albertus Magnus, *De homine qq.* 35-40, On the Interior Senses. (Status: In progress. 10,000+ words translated.)

## **REVIEWS**

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- *Hope and Christian Ethics*. By David Elliot. In *Pro Ecclesia*, Vol.29 (2), 2020.

## **LANGUAGES**

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- Latin – Advanced reading (Passed CMS Level 2 Latin Exam)
- Italian – Intermediate reading (Passed Toronto School of Theology Italian reading exam)
- German – Passed CMS German reading exam
- French – Passed CMS French reading exam

## GRADUATE COURSEWORK

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### University of Toronto

- Latin Textual Criticism (Alexander Andree)
- Philosophy of Perception (Mohan Matthen)
- Free Will and Human Action in Medieval Philosophy (Martin Pickavé)
- Latin Palaeography I (Stephen Pelle)
- Animal Minds and Beyond (William Seager)
- Plato's *Gorgias* (James Allen)
- Medieval Islamic Philosophy (Deborah Black)
- Nature, Supernature and Miracle in the Thought of Thomas Aquinas (Robert Sweetman)
- Themes in Medieval Philosophy (Peter King)
- Liturgy in the Middle Ages (Barry Graham)
- Thomistic Moral Theologies (John Berkman)
- Individuality in the Franciscan Philosophies of John Duns Scotus and William of Ockham (Robert Sweetman)
- Master's Research Seminar (Darren Dias)
- Origen (T. Allan Smith)
- Theological Ethics Seminar (John Berkman)

## REFERENCES

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Dr. Deborah Black - Supervisor  
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