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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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

EDUCATION

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

Thesis: Aquinas' Three-Fold Meaning of Memory

BA, Philosophy (major), Theology (minor), Christendom College

2004-2007

Thesis: The Relationship of Philosophy to Modern Experimental Psychology

AWARDS

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, Christendom College	2004-2007
Dean's List, Christendom College	2004-2007

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Refereed

- Averroes' Theory of the Progressive Spiritualisation of the Object of Sense in Aquinas's Psychology
- *58th International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Kalamazoo May 2023
- The '*Intentio*' of Pastness in Aquinas' Theory of Memory
- *American Philosophical Association*, Central Division Feb. 2023
- Memory, Cogitation and *Experimentum* in Pre-abstractive Cognition
- *American Catholic Philosophical Association* annual congress (poster) Nov. 2022
- Thomas Aquinas on Memory as the Foundation for Morality
- *Issues in Philosophy of Memory 3*, Duke University Aug. 2022
- The *Intentio* in Averroes' Philosophy of Perception: a Paradoxical Cognitive Object
- *57th International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Kalamazoo 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

Invited

Aquinas and the Art of Memory

- *Seat of Wisdom College*, guest lecture series Jan. 2023
- *Christendom College*, philosophy department, guest lecture series Nov. 2021

Anselm on the Fall of the Devil

- Guest lecture, *Early Medieval Philosophy*, University of Toronto Sept. 2022

Understanding the *Vis Cogitativa* Through the *Via Negativa*

- Toronto Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy (UTCMP) Sept. 2022

Aquinas on Memory

- Cologne-Toronto Graduate Student Colloquium April 2022

Aquinas on Memory and Recollection

- Collaborative Specialization in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (CSAMP) work-in-progress group Feb. 2022

TA/TEACHING

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

PUBLICATIONS

Submitted

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

In Preparation

- Aquinas on Memory as an "Integral Part" of Prudence
- The Problem of Willing Particulars in Aquinas' Action Theory

TRANSLATIONS

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

REVIEWS

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

LANGUAGES

- 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

University of Toronto

- Doctoral Professional Development Seminar (Donald Ainslie)
- Latin Textual Criticism (Alexander Andrée)
- 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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