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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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AOS: Medieval Philosophy  
AOC: Ancient Philosophy; Philosophy of Mind; Ethics; 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's Philosophy of Memory

Committee: Deborah Black, Peter King, Robert Sweetman

**MA, Theology, University of Toronto/Toronto School of Theology**

2017-2018

Thesis: Aquinas's Three-Fold Meaning of Memory

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

2004-2007

Thesis: The Relationship of Philosophy to Modern Experimental Psychology

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Forthcoming

- *ACPQ* v. 97 no. 3 (2023) - Mitigating the Magic: The Role of Memory, the *Vis Cogitativa*, and Experience in Aquinas' Abstractionist Epistemology

### In Preparation

- Aquinas on Memory as an "Integral Part" of Prudence
- The '*Intentio*' of Pastness in Aquinas's Philosophy of Memory

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

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Congress Graduate Merit Award (CGMA), <i>Canadian Philosophical Association</i>	2023
Winner - American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly <i>Rising Scholar Essay Contest</i>	2023
Canada Graduate Scholarship—Doctoral Scholarship (CGS-D) \$105,000	2019-2022
Faculty of Arts and Science Top (FAST) Fellowship, University of Toronto \$88,000	2018-2022
UofT School of Graduate Studies (SGS) Conference Grant	2022
APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend	2020, 2023
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

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### *Refereed*

Averroes' Theory of the Progressive Spiritualisation of the Object of Sense in Aquinas's Psychology	
• <i>58th International Congress on Medieval Studies</i> , Kalamazoo	May 2023
The ' <i>Intentio</i> ' of Pastness in Aquinas' Theory of Memory	
• <i>Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress</i>	May 2023
• <i>American Philosophical Association</i> , Central Division	Feb. 2023
Memory, Cogitation and <i>Experimentum</i> in Pre-abstractive Cognition	
• <i>American Catholic Philosophical Association</i> annual congress (poster)	Nov. 2022
Thomas Aquinas on Memory as the Foundation for Morality	
• <i>Issues in Philosophy of Memory 3</i> , Duke University	Aug. 2022
The <i>Intentio</i> in Averroes' Philosophy of Perception: a Paradoxical Cognitive Object	
• <i>57th International Congress on Medieval Studies</i> , Kalamazoo	May 2022
The Problem of Willing Particulars in Aquinas' Action Theory	
• <i>Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress</i>	May 2022
• <i>American Philosophical Association</i> , 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, the Art of Memory, and the Moral Imagination Winter 2024 (date TBD)
- Institute of Theology, Imagination and the Arts (ITIA), University of St. Andrews
- Aquinas and the Art of Memory
- *Seat of Wisdom College*, guest lecture Jan. 2023
  - *Christendom College*, philosophy department, guest lecture 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* Sept. 2022
- Toronto Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy (UTCMP)
- Aquinas on Memory April 2022
- Cologne-Toronto Graduate Student Colloquium
- Aquinas on Memory and Recollection Feb. 2022
- Collaborative Specialization in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (CSAMP) work-in-progress group

### **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

### **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

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA)
- American Philosophical Association (APA)
- American Catholic Philosophical Association (ACPA)
- The Aquinas and ‘the Arabs’ International Working Group (AAIWG)

## GRADUATE COURSEWORK

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### University of Toronto

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

## **ACADEMIC REFERENCES**

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Dr. Deborah Black - Supervisor  
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Dr. Martin Pickave - Philosophy Chair  
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