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Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. (2000)
Dissertation: "In Defense of the Reconciliation of Divine Will and Human Freedom According to St. Thomas Aquinas" (Directed by Dr. Stephen Brown)
M.A., Philosophy, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. (1995)
B.A., Program of Liberal Studies, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN (1988)

Area of Specialization

Medieval Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Religion, Islamic Philosophy

Publications

Doing More with Life: Connecting Christian Higher Education and the Call to Serve, Editor and Contributor, Baylor University Press, forthcoming.

"God's Action and Human Freedom" in *Gathered for the Journey: Moral Theology in Catholic Perspective* (edited by M. Therese Lysaught and David Matzko McCarthy), Notre Dame Press, forthcoming.

"Alive and Awake with Allah" in *The New Blackfriars* (forthcoming).

"A Joyful Path to Dasein?" in *The New Blackfriars*, Vol. 86, No 1004 (July, 2005).

"William of Auvergne's Use of the Avicennian Principle: 'Nature Operates in the Manner of a Servant'" in *Medieval Philosophy and the Classical Tradition: In Islam, Judaism and Christianity* (edited by John Inglis), Curzon Press, 2001.

"Transcendence and Divine Causality" in the *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 73, No. 4, (Autumn, 1999).

"Descartes' Distinction Between Animals and Humans: Challenging the Language and Action Tests" in the *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 72, No. 3, (Summer, 1998).

"William of Auvergne on Primary and Secondary Causality" in *The Modern Schoolman*, Vol. 75, No. 4 (May, 1998).

Presentations

"Al-Ghazali and Aquinas on Providence" 40th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2005.

"Alive and Awake with Allah: Ibn Tufail's *Hayy bin Yaqdhan*" The 2003 Image Conference, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA, November 2003.

"Descartes is 'a Brute to the Brutes'" 2003 American Catholic Philosophical Association Conference, St. Thomas University, Houston, TX, October 2003.

"Descartes and His Treatment of Animals" 2002 Atlantic Region Philosophical Association Meeting, University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, PE, October 2002.

"Molina's Misleading Use of Aquinas in Defense of His Doctrine of Middle Knowledge" Convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Medieval Theology Group, New Orleans, June 2002.

"The Nature and Free Will of a Servant" Bradley Series in Medieval Philosophy, Boston College, MA, October 1999.

"William of Auvergne and the Will of a Servant" Thirty-Fourth International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 1999.

"William of Auvergne and Avicenna's Principle 'Nature Operates in the Manner of a Servant'" Baker colloquium on Islamic, Jewish, and Christian Medieval Philosophy, University of Dayton, April 1999.

Professional Experience

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD, 2002 – present.

- Courses Taught: Cosmos to Citizen; Self to Society; Philosophical Ethics; Metaphysics; Medieval Philosophy; Freshman Seminar; Islamic Philosophy
- University Service: Campus Ministry Committee; Advisory Board for the Callings Program; Service Learning Committee; Moderator of Phi Sigma Tau; Philosophy Department Search Committee (02-03, 04-05); Science Search Committee (03-04); Chaplain Search Committee (03-04)
- Director of the Callings Conference, April 7 – 9, 2005.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Trinity College, Washington DC, 2000 - 2002

- Courses Taught: Reasoning and Argumentation; The Moral Dimension; Women and Philosophy; Readings in Metaphysics; Business Ethics; First Year Seminar; Introduction to Islamic Philosophy; Critical Thinking, Reading and Writing; Ancient Philosophy; Ethics and Politics.
- Faculty Coordinator, Future Focus: Directed Program for First Year Students with special academic needs, providing academic counseling, support and instruction.
- First Year Advisor, Student Government

Honors and Awards

Center for Intercultural Development Shining Star Award, 2005-06

Klein Fellowship (Research Grant), Mount Saint Mary's University, 2006-07

Class of 1950 Memorial Award (presented to a faculty member who has exhibited remarkable achievement), Mount Saint Mary's University, 2005

Summer Research Grants, Mount St. Mary's University, 2003, 2004, 2005

Bradley Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Institute for Medieval Philosophy and Theology, Boston College, 2000-2001

Dissertation Fellowship, Institute for Medieval Philosophy and Theology, Boston College, 1998-2000

Summer Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Science, Boston College, 1999

Program of Liberal Studies, University of Notre Dame, Nominated for Otto A. Bird Award (Outstanding Senior Essay), 1988.

Professional Memberships

American Catholic Philosophers Association

American Philosophical Association

International St. Thomas Society