

Curriculum Vitae
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Medieval Philosophy, esp. metaphysics of the human person

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Contemporary metaphysics
Philosophy of science
Ethics
Philosophy of religion
Theology

PhD candidate in philosophy (ABD), University of Notre Dame, January 2019 (expected)

Dissertation: "The Soul as a Part in Aquinas"

Advisor: Christopher Shields

Readers: Therese Cory, Richard Cross, John O'Callaghan, Jeffrey Brower (Purdue University)

ABSTRACT: I clarify and critically examine Aquinas's often downplayed idea that the human soul is a *part* of the human substance, arguing that the claim that the soul is a part is the key to understanding his account of the human being. I begin by setting out Aquinas's understanding of parthood and then proceed to look critically at the features Aquinas attributes to the soul that are particularly relevant to its parthood, examining and evaluating his arguments for them. Such features include the soul's subsistence, its causal interaction with the body, and its status as source of existence of the human being. I conclude with a synthesis in which I argue that the human soul is a part in two ways: as an Aristotelian substantial form and as an immaterial organ analogous to the heart or the eye. I further argue that the picture of the soul that emerges from this account is internally coherent and that that fact, in itself, makes the view defensible, given its considerable explanatory power.

M.Div., Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (DSPT), 2009

M.A. Philosophy, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (DSPT), 2005

Thesis: *Hume and Aquinas on the Intelligibility of Theological Language* with honors
(highest possible distinction)

M.S. Electrical Engineering (subfield: Applied Physics), University of California, San Diego, 2000

B.S. Applied Physics, California Institute of Technology, 1998

TEACHING AND RESEARCH POSITIONS

Distinguished Fellow, Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (competitive). Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

Instructor with full course responsibility: Introduction to Philosophy, Notre Dame, Fall 2016

Graduate Teaching Assistant,
Notre Dame, Fall semester 2017 (Intro to Philosophy)
Notre Dame, Fall & Spring 2015 (Intro to Philosophy)
Notre Dame, Fall semester 2014 (Medical Ethics)
Notre Dame, Fall semester 2013 (Medical Ethics)
UC San Diego, Fall 1999, Fall 2000 (semiconductor device physics)

Research Assistant,
Semiconductor Device Physics Group, Prof. Edward Yu, UC San Diego,
Fall 1998 – Spring 2001
Solid-state Device Physics Group, Prof. Tom McGill, Caltech Summer of 1997
Fluid dynamics lab, Prof. Paul Dimotakis, Caltech, Summer of 1996

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Aquinas and the Interaction Problem,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI, May 2019 (upcoming).
- “On the Empirical Implications of Aristotelian Substance Ontology,” Catholic Engagement in Philosophy of Science (American Catholic Philosophical Association, annual meeting), San Diego CA, November 2018.
- “Aquinas on the Subsistence and Incorruptibility of the Human Soul,” Symposium Thomisticum, Athens Greece, June 2018.
- “The Human Soul as *Hoc Aliquid* in Aquinas.”
Morris Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Boulder CO, April 2018.
- “The Human Soul as an Efficient Cause of Bodily Change,” Dominican Colloquium in Berkeley: Person, Soul and Consciousness, Berkeley CA, July 2017.
- “The Human Soul as *Hoc Aliquid* in Aquinas,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI, May 2017.
- “Anscombe on the Use of Dilemmatic Thought Experiments in Ethics,” Society of Christian Philosophers, Pacific Division Meeting, University of San Diego, San Diego CA, March 2016.
- “The Soul as a Part in Aquinas,” Dominican Colloquium in Berkeley: Philosophers and Theologians in Conversation, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley CA, July 2014.

FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER AWARDS

- Distinguished Fellow, Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (competitive), Project title: “Aquinas on the Ontology of the Human Person and its Implications for Ethics.” Fall 2018 – Spring 2019
- IHS coauthorship program (invited), collaborator on a research grant from George Mason University (with Janice Breidenbach, Ave Maria University). Spring & Summer, 2017
- Summer Seminar (competitive): “Metaphysics and the Soul in Aquinas,” Lumen Christi Institute; Rome, Italy. Summer 2015, Instructor: Stephen Brock

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Caltech, Summer of 1996, Summer 1997

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

(Audits marked with “*”, Courses were taken at Notre Dame if not marked otherwise)

Metaphysics

Topics in Metaphysics (Peter van Inwagen)
Structure in Metaphysics (Michael Rea)
The Mystery of Existence (Peter van Inwagen)
Saul Kripke: Language, Metaphysics, and Mind* (Peter van Inwagen)
Social Ontology Working Group* (John Searle; UC Berkeley)

Ethics/Action theory

Aquinas on Action and Intention (John O’Callaghan)
Natural Law and Natural Rights (John Finnis)
Twentieth Century Ethics (David Solomon)
Contemporary Ethical Theory (Robert Audi)
Human Nature and Human Function in Aristotle (Joseph Karbowski)

Philosophy of Mind

Aquinas and Scotus on the Mind/Body Problem (Richard Cross)
Russelian Monism* (Leopold Stubenberg)
Aquinas’s Disputed Question on the Soul (John O’Callaghan)
Consciousness (John Searle; UC Berkeley)

Philosophy of Science

Science and Metaphysics* (Anjan Chakravartty)
Nancy Cartwright’s Philosophy of Science* (Nicholas Teh)
Philosophy of Science* (Anjan Chakravartty)
Space, Time, & Matter: Philosophical Foundations of Space-Time and Quantum Theories* (Nicholas Teh)

Philosophy of Religion

Philosophy of Religion Workshop (Michael Rea)
Divine Action (Michael Dodds, O.P.; DSPT)
One Creator God (Michael Dodds, O.P.; DSPT)

Other Philosophy

Intermediate Logic (Patricia Blanchette)
Notre Dame Proseminar (Meghan Sullivan)
Intuitions (Michael DePaul)
Logical Pluralism (Patricia Blanchette)
Aquinas, Anscombe, and Geach* (John O’Callaghan)
Heidegger: Being and Time (Hubert Dreyfus; UC Berkeley)
Kant: The First Critique (Hannah Ginzborg; UC Berkeley)
Hegel’s Logic (Anselm Ramelow, O.P.; DSPT)

Theology (selected)

Sacramental Theology (Bryan Kromholtz, O.P.; DSPT)
Historical Development of Christology (Edward Krasevac, O.P.; DSPT)
Contemporary Christology (Edward Krasevac, O.P.; DSPT)
Trinity (Michael Dodds, O.P.; DSPT)
Trinity (Gilles Emery, O.P.; University of Fribourg, Switzerland)
Ecclesiology (Benoit-Dominique de la Soujeole, O.P.; University of Fribourg, Switzerland)

Fundamental Moral Theology (John Berkman; DSPT)
Theological Anthropology (Michael Dodds, O.P.; DSPT)

Physics & Math (selected)

Mathematical Methods of Physics and Engineering (UC San Diego – full year course)
Quantum Mechanics* (UC San Diego)
Topics in Classical Physics (Caltech – full year course)
Quantum Physics (Caltech – two quarter course)
Physics of Semiconductor Devices (Caltech)
Intro to Methods of Applied Mathematics (Caltech – full year course)

RELIGIOUS PROFESSIONS & ORDINATIONS

Ordination as a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, May 2009
Ordination as a deacon of the Roman Catholic Church, Fribourg Switzerland, November 2007
Solemn profession of religious vows as a friar of the Order of Preachers, May 2007
First profession of religious vows as a friar of the Order of Preachers, September 2002

LANGUAGES

English: Native fluency
French: Good conversational
Spanish: Fair conversational
Latin: Intermediate/Advanced (reading)
Ancient Greek: Intermediate (reading)