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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME (Notre Dame, IN)

Ph.D. Theology, *Moral Theology Specialization*, 2009

Dissertation: *Courage, Death and Virtue in Aquinas and His Philosophical Inheritance*

BOSTON COLLEGE (Chestnut Hill, MA)

M.A. Theology *with distinction*, 2003

DUKE UNIVERSITY (Durham, NC)

A.B. Philosophy *cum laude*, 2001

BOOKS

Perfection in Death: The Christological Dimension of Courage in Aquinas
(Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2015)

Servais Pinckaers, *The Spirituality of Martyrdom: to the Limits of Love*. Translated by
Patrick M. Clark & Annie Hounsokou (Washington, DC: Catholic University of
America Press, 2016)

ARTICLES

“Defining the Scope of Casey & Salzman’s Application of the Rule of Double Effect
to the Therapeutic and Prophylactic Uses of Combined Oral Contraceptives” in
The American Journal of Bioethics 14:7 (July 2014)

“Reversing the Ethical Perspective: What the Allegorical Interpretation of the Good
Samaritan Parable Can Still Teach Us” in *Theology Today* 71:3 (October 2014)

“The Case for an Exemplarist Approach to Virtue in Catholic Moral Theology” in *The
Journal of Moral Theology* 3.1 (January 2014)

“Servais Pinckaers’ Retrieval of Martyrdom as the Culmination of the Christian Life”
in *The Josephinum Journal of Theology* 17:2 (Summer/Fall 2010) pp.250-276

“Is Martyrdom Virtuous? An Occasion for Rethinking the Relation of Christ
and Virtue in Aquinas” in *The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 30.1
(Spring 2010)

“‘Feeling’ in Walter Hilton’s *The Scale of Perfection*” in *The Downside Review*
vol. 127, no. 446 (January 2009), pp.23—48

“The Cup of the Lord and the Cup of Demons: Reflections on Martyrdom and
Suicide Thirty Years after Jonestown” in *Touchstone* 22.2 (March 2009)

“Awaiting New Wine.” *Sermons from Duke Chapel: Voices from ‘a Great
Towering Church’* (Durham, NC: Duke Univ. Press, 2006) pp326—330

BOOK REVIEWS

Without Metaphor, No Saving God: Theology after Cognitive Linguistics by Robert Masson (Leuven: Peeters, 2014) in *Modern Theology* 31:4 (October 2015) pp698-700.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

“Encountering Embodied Love through Biography in the Context of Catholic Social Thought,” delivered at the Catholic Theology Society Annual Meeting, June 2014

“Conversion and Mutual Intelligibility in the Physician-Assisted Suicide Debate,” delivered at the 2013 Catholic Theological Society of America Convention

“Christocentric Exemplarism Reconsidered,” delivered at the 2012 “New Wine New Wineskins” Conference of Young Catholic Moral Theologians

“Who Gets to Be a Martyr? Exploring the Boundaries of Martyrdom as a Theological Paradigm,” delivered at the 2012 American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Region Annual Meeting

“The Eccentric and the Holy Fool: Negotiating Christian Particularity in the Context of Modern Pluralism,” delivered at the 2011 American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Region Annual Meeting

“The End of an Era? How Benedict XVI’s Theology of History Problematizes the Modern Tradition of Catholic Social Teaching,” delivered at the 2009 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November

“Is Martyrdom Virtuous? Rethinking the Relation of Christ and Virtue in Aquinas,” delivered at the 2009 Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting

“Memory, Forgetfulness and the Self in Hauerwas and Nietzsche,” delivered at the 2009 “New Wine New Wineskins” Conference of Young Catholic Moral Theologians

“Reconceiving Conception Ascetically: Engaging the Stalemate between the Church’s Teaching on Family Planning and the Ecological Threat of Overpopulation,” delivered at the 2009 Catholic Theological Society of America Convention

“Jesus as Outsider: Rethinking the Ethical Implications of Augustine’s Allegorical Exegesis of the Good Samaritan Parable,” delivered at the 2009 Annual Conference of the Society of Biblical Literature

“The Sovereignty of the Family and the Criminalization of Homeschooling,” delivered at the 2008 Notre Dame Ctr. for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference

“Toward a More Coherent Catholic Critique of Capital Punishment,” delivered at the 2008 American Academy of Religion Midwest Region Annual Meeting

“Love’s Descending Ascent: Divinization in *Deus Caritas Est*,” delivered at the 2007 Univ. of Notre Dame symposium on Benedict XVI’s *Deus Caritas Est*

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
University of Scranton, March 2015—present

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
University of Scranton, 2010—March 2015

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
University of Notre Dame, 2009—2010

UNDERGRADUATE INSTRUCTOR
University of Notre Dame, Fall 2008

COURSES TAUGHT

Introductory Courses

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY (*9 semesters from 2010—2015*)
INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE (*Spring 2013*)
FOUNDATIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH (*Fall 2008, Spring 2010*)

Upper-level Undergraduate Courses

FUNDAMENTALS OF CHRISTIAN ETHICS (*Fall 2009*)
THEOLOGY OF BIRTH AND DEATH (*Fall 2009, Fall 2014*)
WAR AND THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION (*Spring 2013*)
VIRTUE, VICE AND CHRISTIAN ETHICS (*Spring 2015*)

Honors Tutorials

THE SUFFERING OF CHILDREN (Honors Tutorial, *Spring 2012*)
THE MEDICAL ETHICS OF DYING AND DEATH (Honors Tutorial, *Fall 2014*)
MEDICAL ETHICS AND MORAL THEOLOGY (Honors Tutorial, *Fall 2015*)

Graduate Courses

CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT (*Spring 2011, Spring 2014*)

Interdisciplinary Courses

THE HOLOCAUST (*Spring 2012, Spring 2014*)

AWARDS AND HONORS

FULL-YEAR RESEARCH GRANT COMPETITION WINNER, The Beacon Project
Wake Forest University & the Templeton Religion Trust, 2016—2017

COMMUNITAS FELLOW, Summer Seminars Program
Calvin College, 2012

INTERSESSION RESEARCH GRANT
University of Scranton, 2011 & 2015

PRESIDENTIAL *DEUS CARITAS EST* ESSAY COMPETITION WINNER
University of Notre Dame, 2007

THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT SUMMER FELLOWSHIP
University of Notre Dame, 2007—2009

TERTIO MILLENIO SEMINAR FELLOWSHIP
Krakow, Poland, July 2003

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

FACULTY SENATE, University of Scranton, 2011—2015

Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee, 2011—2015

HEALTH PROFESSIONS EVALUATION COMMITTEE, Univ. of Scranton, 2011—present

HONOR'S THESIS ADVISING:

Mr. R. Anthony Stemrich, "Spirit vs. Body: The Challenges Facing Eastern Religious Beliefs and Western Medical Ethics Pertaining to End-of-Life Decisions" defended in May 2016

Ms. M.K. Rohrbaugh, "Neonatal End-of-Life Ethics" (underway)

MASTER'S THESIS ADVISING:

Mr. Clark Wolf (director), "Violence, Divinity, and the Limits of Rational Community: Hegel's Philosophy of Right according to René Girard's Theory of the Sacred" defended in July 2013

Mr. Lorenzo M. Capozzelli (*reader*), "Dignity within Work and the Right to Work," defended in April 2014

Fr. Joseph Nsekanabo (*reader*), "Recovering the Role of Shame in Moral Character Formation," defended in May 2011

Mr. Joseph DiLauro (*reader*), "Liturgy and Relational Ontology in the Theology of Joseph Ratzinger," defended in November 2010

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SYMPOSIA

COLLEGE THEOLOGY SOCIETY

Co-Chair of Ethics Section

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ETHICS

CATHOLIC CONVERSATION PROJECT

PERMANENT CONTRIBUTOR TO ACADEMIC BLOG: *catholicmoraltheology.com*

FOREIGN LANGUAGE READING PROFICIENCY: Latin, German and French

REFERENCES

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