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Education:

Ph.D., 1988-1993, University of Notre Dame, Philosophy
Dissertation: *Intrinsically Evil Actions according to St. Thomas Aquinas*
Advisor: Ralph McInerny

B.A., 1983-1987, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, Philosophy with honors, *summa cum laude*

Areas of Specialization: Ethics, Medieval Philosophy, Thomas Aquinas

Areas of Competence: Biomedical Ethics, Ancient Philosophy, Metaphysics

Professional Positions:

Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of St. Thomas (2007-present)
Associate Professor of Philosophy, Wheeling Jesuit University (2006-2007)
Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Mary, (1998-2006)
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Mary, (1993-1998)

Teaching Experience:

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS
- Philosophy of the Human Person
- Modern Philosophy
- Biomedical Ethics (undergraduate)
- Faith and Reason
- Ethics
- Logic
- Biomedical Ethics (graduate)
- Evil (graduate)
- Introduction to Thomistic Ethics (graduate)
- Natural Law (graduate)

WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY
- Logic and Knowledge
- Philosophy of the Human Person
- Medieval Political Thought

UNIVERSITY OF MARY
- Biomedical Ethics
- Ethics for Professionals
- Philosophy for Educators
- Ethics for Educators
- Ethics of Aquinas
- Moral Issues and Social Ethics
- Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
- Philosophy of the Human Person
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Christian Ethics
- Business Ethics
- Logic

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
- Introduction to Philosophy

Publications:

BOOKS

Knowing the Natural Law: Precepts, Inclinations, and Deriving Oughts, under review by The Catholic University of America Press

Living the Good Life: a Beginner's Thomistic Ethics. The Catholic University of America Press, 2013

The Ethics of Organ Transplantation (edited). Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 2011.

Good and Evil Actions: A Journey through Saint Thomas Aquinas. Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 2010.

ARTICLES

"A Good Corpse: Why Dead Faith Is Not Evil," under review by The Center for Thomistic Studies for publication in a book on Faith in Aquinas.

"Speciesism and the Basis for Equality under Justice," under review by The Center for Thomistic Studies for publication in a book on justice in Aquinas.

"Do Circumstances Give Species," in Spanish, forthcoming in a Spanish Festschrift in honor of Lawrence Dewan.

"Virtuous Deliberation and the Passions," to appear in *The Thomist*

"Why the Senses Cannot Have Truth: the Need for Abstraction," in *Distinctions of Being: Philosophical Approaches to Reality*, edited by Nikolaj Zunic. Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 2013.

"Omissions and Their Causes," *Acta Philosophica* 22 (2013): 117-133.

"Thomistic Perspectives?: Martin Rhonheimer's Version of Virtue Ethics," *The American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 86 (2012): 135-59.

"Introduction on Organ Transplantation," in *The Ethics of Organ Transplantation*, edited by Steven J. Jensen. Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 2011.

"Killing and Letting Die," in *The Ethics of Organ Transplantation*, edited by Steven J. Jensen. Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 2011.

"Getting Inside the Acting Person," *International Philosophical Quarterly* 50 (2010): 461-71

"The Error of the Passions," *The Thomist* 73 (2009): 349-79.

"Exterior Actions as Signs of Intention," in *Semiotics 2008*, edited by and John Deely and Leonard Sbrocchi, 721-25. Ottawa: Legas Publishing, 2009.

"The Role of Teleology in the Moral Species," *The Review of Metaphysics* 63 (2009): 3-27.

"Boethius and Three Kinds of Good," *Carmina Philosophiae*, Journal for the International Boethius Society, 16 (2008): 51-70.

"Of *Gnome* and Gnomes: The Virtue of Higher Discernment and the Production of Monsters," *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 82 (2008): 411-28.

"When Evil Actions Become Good," *Nova et Vetera* English Edition 5 (2007): 747-64.

"Do Circumstances Give Species?"*The Thomist* 70 (2006): 1-26.

"The Trouble with Secunda Secundae, 64, 7: Self-Defense," *The Modern Schoolman* 83 (2006): 143-62.

"Is Continence Enough?" *Christian Bioethics* 10 (2004): 161-75.

"A Long Discussion Regarding Steven A. Long's Interpretation of the Moral Species," *The Thomist* 67 (2003): 623-43.

"Goods of Consequence and Goods of Virtue," *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 71, *Annual ACPA Proceedings* (1997): 179-187.

"A Defense of Physicalism," *The Thomist* 61 (1997): 377-404.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Peter Koritansky, *Thomas Aquinas on the Philosophy of Punishment*. (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2012), forthcoming in *The Thomist*.

Review of F.M. Kamm, *Intricate Ethics: Rights, Responsibilities, and Permissible Harm*. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007), forthcoming in *The Review of Metaphysics*.

Review of Michael Barnwell, *The Problem of Negligent Omissions: Medieval Action Theories to the Rescue*. (Leiden, the Netherlands: Brill, 2010), in The *Modern Schoolman* 89 (2012): 259-62.

Review of Samuel Scheffler, *Equality and Tradition: Questions of Value in Moral and Political Theory*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010), in *The Review of Metaphysics* 64 (2011): 656-8.

Review of Fulvio Di Blasi, *God and the Natural Law: a Rereading of Thomas Aquinas*. (South Bend, IN: St. Augustine's Press, 2006), in *Nova et Vetera* 5 (2007): 694-68.

Review of Claes G. Ryn, *America the Virtuous: The Crisis of Democracy and the Quest for Empire*. (New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers, 2003), in *The Review of Metaphysics* 58 (2005): 682-64.

Presentations:

"How Are the First Precepts Per Se Nota?" To be presented at the 48th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 9-12, 2013

"The Role of the Exterior Action in the Moral Species," at the University of St. Thomas, Santiago, Chile, 2013

"The Problem of Tautological Norms," at the University of Adolpho Ibanez, Santiago, Chile, January 9, 2013

"The Relation of the Moral Object and Moral Norms," at the University of Adolpho Ibanez, Santiago, Chile, January 8, 2013

"Faith and Reason," for the Rice University Catholic Student Association, September 18, 2012

"Moving from Is to Ought," at the 47th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 10-13, 2012

“Double Effect, Proportionality, and Allowing Harm,” at the Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium, Houston, Texas, October 20, 2011

“Double Effect, Proportionality, and Allowing Harm,” at the 35th American Maritain Association Conference, South Bend, Indiana, October 13-15, 2011

“Love for Animals: Singer and Aquinas,” at the 46th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 12-15, 2011

“Conscience in Healthcare: a Reply to Tristam Engelhardt,” at a conference on Health Care in a Secular Culture: The Conscience of Physicians & Nurses at Risk, Houston Baptist University, Houston, Texas, April 29-30, 2011

“Good and Evil Actions: a Journey through St. Thomas Aquinas,” at the President’s Faculty Research and Scholarship Colloquium, the University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas, April 28, 2011

“The Will, Reason, and the Eternal Law: Prima secundae 19, 3-4,” at Libertas et Conscientia, Rome, Italy, April 24, 2011

“The Grand Illusion: The Collective Good of Consequentialism vs. the Common Good,” at the 34th American Maritain Association Conference, Canton, Ohio, October 14-16, 2010

“Organ Transplantation and Death,” at the Catholic Bio-medical Ethics Seminar on End-of-Life issues, Vietnamese Dominican Sisters, Houston, Texas, June 12, 2010

“Omissions and Their Causes,” at the 45th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 13-16, 2010

“Omissions and Their Causes,” at the Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium, Houston, Texas, May 6, 2010

“Weakness, Malice, and Buridan’s Ass,” at the 33rd American Maritain Association Conference, Houston, TX October 23-25, 2009

“Speciesism and the Basis for Equality under Justice,” at the Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium, Houston, Texas, September 24, 2009

“The Error of the Passions,” at the 44th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 7-10, 2009

“Killing and Letting Die,” at a conference on the Ethics of Organ Transplantation, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas, March 27-29, 2009

“Boethius and Three Kinds of Good,” at the Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium, Houston, Texas, November 13, 2008

“The Making of Man and the Making of Marriage,” at the Notre Dame Center for Culture and Ethics annual conference, University of Notre Dame, November 6-8, 2008

“External Actions as Signs of Intention,” at the annual meeting of the Semiotic Society of America, Houston, Texas, October 16-19, 2008

“The Disappearing Act: the Teleology That Went Away,” at the 43rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 8-11, 2008

“The Emperor’s New Teleology,” at the Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium, Houston, Texas, April 10, 2008

“Why the Senses Cannot Have Truth: the Need for Abstraction,” at 2007 annual American Maritain Association conference, University of Notre Dame, October 25-28, 2007

“A Good Corpse: Why Dead Faith Is Not Evil,” at the 42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 10-13, 2007

“Boethius and Three Kinds of Good,” at the Annual Conference on Christian Philosophy, Franciscan University of Steubenville, April 13-14, 2007

“Of *Gnome* and Gnomes: The Virtue of Higher Discernment and the Production of Monsters,” at the 41st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 4-7, 2006

“Do Circumstances Give Species?” at the Thomistic Institute, University of Notre Dame, July 6, 2005

“Speciesism and the Basis for Equality under Justice,” at the 40th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 5-8, 2005

“When Evil Actions Become Good,” at the Thomistic Institute, University of Notre Dame, August 8, 2004

“Moral and Premoral Evil: A Dialogue,” at Thomas Aquinas College, November 15, 2002

“Why Evil Doesn’t Exist: Aquinas’s Treatment of Evil,” University of Mary Faculty Excellence Series, March 12, 1998

“Goods of Consequence and Goods of Virtue,” at the 1997 meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, March 21-23

“A Defense of Physicalism,” at Summer Institute of Thomistic Studies, University of Notre Dame, July 20 - August 3, 1996

Service:

Referee for journal *The Thomist*, 2006-present
Referee for journal *Res Philosophica*, 2012
Dissertation director for Charles Robertson, 2012-present
Scholarship committee for the philosophy department, University of St. Thomas, 2011-present
Search Committee for chair in a business ethics for the business school, University of St. Thomas, 2011
Dissertation committee for Alexander Lynch 2010-present
Dissertation committee for Sr. Anne Francis 2010-present
Dissertation director for Jordan Olver, 2009-present
Dissertation director for Matthew Lomanno, 2008-present
Dissertation committee for Aaron Somerville 2009-present
Awards Committee, University of St. Thomas, 2009-present
Faculty Senate Representative, University of St Thomas, 2009-present
Phi Sigma Tau advisor, University of St. Thomas, 2007-2010
Subcommittee for Philosophy Transfer Credits, University of St Thomas, 2009-present
National Treasurer for the American Catholic Philosophical Association, 2008-present
Faculty/Administration Task Force on University policies, University of St. Thomas, 2010
Search Committee for Theology faculty position, University of St. Thomas, 2010
Commission for the design of Catholic nursing education, University of St. Thomas, 2010
Dissertation committee for Samuel B. Condic: "Hominization and Human Life: Toward a More Integrated Understanding of Human Development," University in St. Thomas, 2009
Dissertation committee for Anthony Crifasi: "The Philosophical Significance of Cartesian Sensory Physiology," University in St. Thomas, 2008
Director and Organizer for The Ethics of Organ Transplantation, an interdisciplinary bioethics conference, University in St. Thomas, 2007-2009
Search Committee for Director of Nursing Program, University of St. Thomas, 2008-2009
Subcommittee for Core Curriculum Reform: Synthesis of Philosophy and Theology with major, University in St. Thomas, 2008
Grading of graduate comprehensive exams, University of St. Thomas, 2007-present
Grading of graduate Latin exams, University of St. Thomas, 2007-present
Morale Committee, Wheeling Jesuit University, 2006-2007
Assessment Committee, University of Mary, 1997-2006
Graduate Council, University of Mary, 1996-2006
Ad Hoc Committee on Values, University of Mary, 2001-2002
Developed accelerated course in business ethics for the College of Professional Studies, University of Mary, 1997