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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2018 PhD Candidate in Philosophy
 Center for Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX
 Dissertation: “An Aristotelian Theory of Causal Explanation”
 Director: Dr. R. E. Houser
- 2012 MA in Philosophy
 Center for Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX
- 2007 BA in Liberal Arts
 Thomas Aquinas College, Santa Paula, CA

EMPLOYMENT

- 2018-19 Visiting Assistant Professor
 Philosophy Department, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX
- 2013-18 Adjunct Professor
 Philosophy Department, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Medieval Philosophy (especially Thomas Aquinas), Aristotle

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion, Ethics

PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 with Geoffrey Meadows, “Thomas Aquinas: Teacher of Transhumanity?”. In *Thomas Aquinas: Teacher of Humanity*. Edited by John P. Hittinger and Daniel C. Wagner. Newcastle Upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing: 186-197.
- 2014 “Eternal God: Divine Atemporality in Thomas Aquinas.” In *News from the Raven: Essays from Sam Houston State University on Medieval and Renaissance*

Thought. Edited by Darci N. Hill. Newcastle Upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing: 262-285.

Manuscripts in Preparation

“From Effect to Causes: Aristotle and *A Posteriori* Demonstrative Knowledge in the *Posterior Analytics*.”

“How Do Causes Explain? An Aristotelian Theory.”

“Pragmatic Explanation and Real Essentialism about Causes.”

with Daniel Wagner, “Albertus Magnus and Thomas Aquinas on What is “Better Known” in Aristotle’s *Posterior Analytics* and *Physics*.”

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Panels Organized

2017 Society for 21st Century Thomism Satellite Session on “The Existence of God”, American Catholic Philosophical Association, Dallas, TX, November 16-19.
Presenters: C. F. J. Martin, Evan Williams, Austin Choate and John H. Boyer.

2016 Society for 21st Century Thomism Satellite Session on “Politics, Culture, & the Modern Crisis”, American Catholic Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, October 3-6.
Presenters: James V. Schall, SJ, Brian Jones, Francisco Plaza

Papers Presented

2018 “Divine Eternity as Atemporality in Aquinas,” The Thomistic Institute’s Eighth Annual Philosophy Workshop, Newburgh, NY, June 14-17.

2018 “How Do Causes Explain? An Aristotelian Theory,” American Maritain Association, Philadelphia, PA, March 1-3.

2017 with Austin Choate, “Quantum Mechanics and the Existence of God,” Society for 21st Century Thomism Satellite Session, American Catholic Philosophical Association, Dallas, TX, November 16-19.

2017 with Daniel Wagner, “Albertus Magnus and Thomas Aquinas on What is ‘Better Known’ in Aristotle’s *Posterior Analytics* and *Physics*,” American Maritain Association, March 2-4.

2016 with Daniel Wagner, “Albertus Magnus and Thomas Aquinas on What is “Better Known” in Aristotle’s *Posterior Analytics* and *Physics*,” ACPA Satellite Session, American Catholic Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, October 3-6.

2016 “MacIntyre, First Principles, and the Impossibility of Scientific Knowledge,” American Maritain Association, New York, NY, February 25-27.

- 2015 “Modeling and Aristotelian Demonstration,” Society for Thomistic Natural Philosophy Satellite Session, American Catholic Philosophical Association, Boston, MA, October 8-11.
- 2015 “Analyzing Divine Eternity in Aquinas,” Satellite Session, American Catholic Philosophical Association, Boston, MA, October 8-11.
- 2015 with Daniel Wagner, “Albertus Magnus and Thomas Aquinas on ‘Better Known’ in Aristotle’s *Posterior Analytics* and *Physics*,” 50th International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 14-17.
- 2015 “The Coherence of Divine Eternity in Thomas Aquinas,” Marquette University Graduate Student Chapter of Aquinas and the ‘Arabs’ International Workshop, Milwaukee, WI, February 20-21.
- 2014 “Are Cause and Explanation Coextensive Terms?,” The Catholic University of America Graduate Conference, Washington D.C., February 21-22.
- 2013 with Geoffrey Meadows, “Thomas Aquinas: Teacher of Transhumanity?,” Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas Conference, Houston, TX, October 17-19.
- 2013 “Eternal God: Divine Atemporality in Thomas Aquinas,” International Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Thought, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, April 4-6.
- 2013 “The Primary Sense of Substance in *Categories* Five and *Metaphysics* Seven,” The Catholic University of America Graduate Philosophy Conference, Washington D.C., March 22-23.

Discussant

- 2018 Comment on Scott J. Roniger, “Philosophy, Freedom, and Public Life: Plato’s *Gorgias* as a Protreptic,” Contributed Session, American Catholic Philosophical Association, San Diego, CA, November 9-11.
- 2016 Comment on Jonathan Buttaci, “Cognitive Capacities and States in *Posterior Analytics* B 19,” 39th Annual University of Texas, Austin Workshop on Ancient Philosophy, Rice University, Houston, TX, February 19-20.
- 2014 Chair of Contributed Session “Habits in Illuminative Cognition,” American Catholic Philosophical Association Conference, Washington D.C., October 9-12.

Campus Talks

- 2015 “The Coherence of Divine Eternity in Thomas Aquinas,” Colloquium, Center for Thomistic Studies at University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX), February 27.
- 2014 “The Interrelation of Cause and Explanation,” Houston Graduate Philosophy Symposium at Rice University, May 1.

- 2014 “From Effects to Causes: A Posteriori Reasoning in Aristotle’s *Posterior Analytics* II.2-10,” Colloquium, Center for Thomistic Studies at University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX), April 4.
- 2013 “Thomas Aquinas: Teacher of Transhumanity?”, co-authored by Geoffrey Meadows, Houston Graduate Philosophy Symposium, University of Houston, November 8.

SPEAKING INVITATIONS

- 2016 “What is Philosophy of Science?” Seminar Series for The Houston Institute, Rice University, October 8, 19, and 26.
- 2016 “The Idea of a University Education, or Educating for Wisdom,” Seminar Series for The Houston Institute, Rice University, March 8, 15, 22, and 29.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX)

Philosophy of the Human Person	Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Summer 2017, Fall 2015, Fall 2013, Summer 2013
Ethics	Summer 2019, Summer 2018, Summer 2017, Spring 2016, Summer 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2013
Metaphysics	Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2017, Fall 2014
Ancient Philosophy	Fall 2018, Summer 2014
Medieval Philosophy	Summer 2017, Spring 2014
Modern Philosophy	Spring 2018, Fall 2014
Philosophy of Science	Fall 2017

SERVICE

Professional Service

- 2017 Peer-reviewer (Book Manuscript) for Emmaus Academic Publishing
- 2016 Peer-reviewer (Journal Article) for *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*

University Service

University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX)

- 2018-19 Producer, Center for Thomistic Studies’ Podcast *Talking Thomism*
- 2013-17 Senator, Graduate Student Association
- 2013-16 Instructor of Graduate Latin Tutorial, Center for Thomistic Studies
- 2009-10 Assistant to R. E. Houser, Secretary of American Catholic Philosophical Association

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

American Catholic Philosophical Association
American Maritain Association
Society for 21st Century Thomism (Board Member)

LANGUAGES

English (Reading, Speaking, Writing)
Latin (Reading)
Ancient Greek (Reading)
German (Reading)

REFERENCES

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