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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Boston College, PhD in Philosophy	Anticipated Graduation 2026
Boston College, Joint M.A. in Philosophy and Theology	2021
Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts, B.A. in Liberal Arts Studies with a Major in Philosophy and Concentration in the Fine Arts	2019

Research and Teaching Experience

Instructor on Record for Philosophy of the Person I and II, Boston College	Fall 2022-Present
Instructor on Record, Introduction to Philosophy, Merrimack College	Fall 2023
Lonergan Center Summer Archivist	2022
Research Assistant to Prof. Patrick Byrne, Boston College	2021-2022
Teaching Assistant for "Sacred Scripture II," Magdalen College	Spring 2021
Lonergan M.A. Fellow	2019-2021
Röpke-Wojtyła Fellow at The Catholic University of America	2018-2019
Research Assistant to Dr. George Harne, President of Magdalen College	2017

Publications

"To Pierce the Dome: Josef Pieper on Transcendence in Post-War Germany." *Journal of the History of Ideas Blog* (December 2021).
<https://jhiblog.org/2021/12/13/to-pierce-the-dome-josef-pieper-on-transcendence-in-post-war-germany/>.

"The Right Way to be Selfish: On Self-Interest and Responsibility for the Other," 2020
published in an edited volume through the Röpke-Wojtyła Fellowship (The Catholic University of America)

Presentations

- Forthcoming presentation on “Lonergan, the Person, and Freedom” for Contemporary Metaphysics Society panel at the American Catholic Philosophical Association 2023
- “Thomas Aquinas on Philosophical Contemplation” for the Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium (Boston College) 2023
- “Husserl on Love and Obligation” for Phenomenology and Value Conference (Stony Brook University) 2023
- “The Unconditional in the Broken World: Gabriel Marcel on Hope as Revelation” for Phenomenology and Revelation Seminar (Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, NY) 2023
- “The Things You Can Think: The Different Scopes of Husserlian and Kantian Intuition” for The North American Society for Early Phenomenology’s Intuition, Creation, Duration and Relativity Conference (University of San Diego) 2023
- “Where Did You Get That Idea?: Aquinas, Pieper, and Lonergan on Divine Causality in Human Understanding” for The Sacra Doctrina Project’s Grace and Sanctification Conference (Thomas Aquinas College) 2022
- “Et Hoc Dicimus Deum: Lonergan and Levinas on Identifying God” for Villanova University’s God and the Unconditional Conference (Villanova University) 2022
- “Open to the Possibility: Levinas and Lonergan on Self-Transcendence and Knowledge of God” for Boston College’s Graduate Student Conference on God and the Human Person (Boston College) 2022
- Round table member on negative theology and dialectic at Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium 2022 (Fordham University) 2022
- “Intellectual Overflow: Thomas Aquinas on the Cogitative Power and the Agent Intellect,” presented at The Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy’s Inaugural Conference (University of Notre Dame) 2021
- “People of Good Will: Aquinas and Lonergan on Faith and the Will,” presented at Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium (Boston College and Fordham University) 2021
- “Making Truth Make Sense: Lonergan’s Argument That Being is Intrinsicly True,” presented at Gonzaga Graduate Philosophy Conference (Gonzaga University) 2021
- Presented at Magdalen College of the Liberal Art’s Classical Reception Conference

- “We Missed the Joke: The Form of Comedy in *Alcestis* and *The Winter’s Tale*” 2019
- “A Change of Heart: The Metamorphosis of Love from Ovid to Today” 2018

Undergraduate Senior Thesis on Transcendental Beauty in Thomas Aquinas 2019

Junior Project on the Philosophy of Josef Pieper 2017-2018

Languages:

Latin Intermediate Reading Knowledge

German Basic Reading Knowledge

Honors and Grants

Donald White Teaching Award, Boston College 2023

Lonergan Center M.A. Fellowship, Boston College 2019-2021

Lonergan Center Grant for Language Studies—German 2020

Presidential Scholar Award, Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts 2015-2019

Affiliations:

Graduate Student Advisor for *Dianoia* Boston College’s Undergraduate Philosophy Journal 2023

Co-Convener of the Boston Phenomenology Circle 2021-Present

- Preparing for Phenomenology of Value Spring Symposium (2023)
- Helped to run Phenomenology at the Margins Spring Symposium (2022)

Société Internationale pour l’Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale, Member 2021-Present

Phenomenology Workshop 2021-Present

Lonergan Reading Group (Boston College) 2019-Present

Abigail Adams Institute, Participating Member 2020-Present

Ferdinand Ulrich’s *Homo Abyssus* Study Group (Boston College) 2021-2022

The Madrigal Singers of Boston College
2019-2022

Involvement:

Invited Andrea Staiti to Phenomenology Workshop 2023