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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Philosophy), University of Texas at Austin. Thesis: "Aquinas' Notion of Science"

M.A. (Philosophy), University of Texas at Austin.

B.A. *magna cum laude* (Philosophy), University of Dallas.

Certificat des Études Pratiques de Français, University of Lyon, France.

POSITIONS

2011-present, Professor, Boston College

1993- 2011, Associate Professor, Boston College

1990-1993, Assistant Professor, Boston College

1986-1990, Assistant Professor, Marquette University

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Medieval Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy and Literature, Theories of the Passions

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Modern Philosophy, Literary Theory, Ethical Theory

LANGUAGES

French, German, Medieval Latin, Italian, Spanish, Ancient Greek

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Alexander von Humboldt Return Fellowship, March-June 2023, in Berlin Germany. Sponsor: Prof. Dominik Perler, Humboldt Universität, Berlin

Alexander von Humboldt Fellow, Aug. 1994 - Aug. 1995, in Freiburg, Germany. Sponsor: Professor Klaus Jacobi, Chair and Professor, Philosophisches Seminar II, Universität Freiburg

NEH Summer Institute, Summer 1989: "Christendom and the High Middle Ages," The Medieval Institute, University of Notre Dame.

Marquette University: Summer Faculty Fellowship, Summer 1987.

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): Research Grant Recipient, Sept. 1985 - Dec. 1985. Supervising Professor: Prof. Albert Zimmermann, Thomas-Institut, Universität Köln.

University of Texas: University Fellowship Recipient, Sept. 1985 - May 1986.

GRANTS

Institute for Liberal Arts, Boston College, Fall 2016, funding for panel discussion and concert by the Seraphim Singers, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, award: \$11,600

Institute for Liberal Arts, Boston College, Sponsorship of International Conference: Reading Anselm: Context and Criticism at Boston College, Summer 2015, award: \$14,000

Institute for Liberal Arts, Boston College, *The Passion of Joan of Arc*: Film and Concert by The Seraphim Singers, April 2014, award: \$2,400

ACADEMIC HONORS

University of Texas: Council of Graduate Schools/ University Microfilms International Distinguished Dissertation Award Nominee in Humanities/Fine Arts, 1988.

University of Texas: Outstanding Dissertation Award, 1987. (Awarded to three of over six hundred 1986-1987 graduates.)

Comitatus: St. Nicholas Prize for the most outstanding contribution, 1985.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Logic, Theology and Poetry in Boethius, Abelard, and Alan of Lille: Words in the Absence of Things. Palgrave/Macmillan, 2006.

Anselm of Canterbury and the Desire for the Word, The Catholic University of America Press, 2012.

New Readings of Anselm of Canterbury's Intellectual Methods, ed. with John Slotemaker. Brill, 2022.

Service, Social Justice, and Student Formation: 50 Years of Service Learning, ed. with Meghan T. Sweeney (in preparation).

Articles:

"Aquinas' Three levels of Divine Predication in Dante's *Paradiso*," *Comitatus*, Vol. 16 (1985), pp. 29-45.

"The *Anticlaudianus* and the 'Proper' Language of Theology," *Essays in Medieval Studies*, Vol. 4 (Fall, 1987), pp. 45-55.

"Metaphysics and its Distinction from Sacred Doctrine in Aquinas," *Knowledge and Medieval Philosophy*, Reijo Työrinoja, Anja Inkeri Lehtinen, Dagfinn Føllesdal, eds., (Helsinki: Annals of the Finnish Society for Missiology and Ecumenics, 1990), Vol. m, pp. 162-170.

"From Determined Motion to Undetermined Will and Nature to Supernature in Aquinas," *Philosophical Topics*, 20, 2, (Fall 1992), pp. 189-214.

"Aquinas' Double Metaphysics of Simplicity and Infinity," *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 33 (September 1993), pp. 297-317.

"Rewriting the Narrative of Scripture: 12th Century Debates Over Reason and Theological Form," *Medieval Philosophy and Theology*, 3, (1993), pp. 1-34.

"Three Notions of Analysis (*Resolutio*) and the Structure of Reasoning in Aquinas," *The Thomist*, 58, 2, (April 1994), pp. 197-243.

"Hugh of St. Victor: The Augustinian Tradition of Sacred and Secular Reading Revised," in *Reading and Wisdom: The De Doctrina Christiana of Augustine in the Middle Ages*, ed. Edward D. English, University of Notre Dame Press, 1995, pp. 61-83.

"Supposition, Signification, and Universals: Metaphysical and Linguistic Complexity in Aquinas," *Freiburger Zeitschrift für Philosophie und Theologie*, 42, Heft 3, (1995), pp. 267-290.

"Individuation and the Body in Aquinas," *Miscellanea Mediaevalia*, vol. 24 (1996), pp. 178-196. (Reprinted in *Medieval Philosophy*, 4 vols., vol. 1, Mind, Logic, and Language. Edited by Christina Van Dyke and Andrew W. Arlig, Critical Concepts in Philosophy Series, Routledge, 2019, 178-196.)

"Restructuring Desire: Aquinas, Descartes, and Hobbes on the Passions," in *Meeting of the Minds*, Stephen F. Brown, ed., *Rencontres de Philosophie Médiévale*, 7, (Tournhout: Brepols, 1998), pp. 219-37.

- "Anselm und der Dialog. Distanz und Versöhnung," in *Gespräche lesen. Philosophische Dialoge im Mittelalter*. Klaus Jacobi and Mischa von Perger, ed. Tübingen: Gunter Narr Verlag 1999, pp. 101-124.
- "Abelard's Progress: From Logic to Ethics," *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 40 (September 2000), pp. 367-76.
- "Ordering Differences: Aquinas vs. the Moderns," in *Aquinas Center of Theology, Occasional Papers on the Catholic Intellectual Life*, no. 4. Atlanta: Emory University, 2001, pp. 5-24.
- "Aquinas on Vice and Sin," in *The Ethics of Aquinas*. Stephen J. Pope, ed. Washington, D. C.: Georgetown University Press, 2002, pp. 151-168.
- "Literary Forms of Medieval Philosophy," *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Winter 2002 edition). Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL=<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/win2002/entries/medieval-literary/>. (Revised and expanded, 2007, 2012, 2019)
- "Speculative Theology and the Transformation of Separation and Longing," in *Psyche and Spirit -Dialectics of Transformation*. Edited by Chris Schlauch and William Meissner, pp. 199-224. University of America Press, 2003.
- "Anselm's *Proslogion*: The Desire for the Word," *The Saint Anselm Journal* (2003) 1. URL=<http://www.anselm.edu/library/SAJ/SAJindex.html>
- "The Rhetoric of Prayer and Argument in Anselm," *Philosophy and Rhetoric* 38, n. 4 (2005): 355-78.
- "Abelard's *Historia Calamitatum* and Letters: Self as Search and Struggle," *Poetics Today*, vol. 28. 2 (Summer 2007): 303-336.
- "The Asymmetry between Language and Being: The Case of Anselm," in *On Language: Analytic, Continental and Historical Perspectives*. Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2007, pp. 157-177.
- "Seeing Double: Thomas Aquinas and the Problem of Modernity through the Continental Lens," *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 83, 3 (2009): 389-420.
- "The Problem of Philosophy and Theology in Anselm of Canterbury," in *Medieval Philosophy and Theology in the Long Middle Ages. A Tribute to Stephen F. Brown*. Edited by Kent Emery and Russell Freidman, 487-514. Studien und Texte zur Geistesgeschichte des Mittelalters. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2011.
- "Aquinas on the Seven Deadly Sins: Tradition and Innovation," in *Sin in Medieval and Early Modern Culture: The Tradition of the Seven Deadly Sins*. Ed. Richard G. Newhauser and Susan J. Ridyard, 85-106. York Medieval Press in association with Boydell and Brewer, 2012.

- “Anselm in Dialogue with the Other,” in *Universality of Reason. Plurality of Philosophies in the Middle Ages, Proceedings of the XIIth International Congress, Palermo, 16 – 22 September 2007*. Vol. II.1, pp. 159-168. Ed. Alessandro Musco, et al., Palermo: Officina di Studi Medievali, 2012.
- “Alan of Lille,” in *Oxford Guide to the Historical Reception of Augustine*. Vol. 2, pp. 12-14. Edited by Karla Pollmann and Willemien Otten. Oxford University Press, 2013.
- “Anselm and the Phenomenology of the Gift in Marcel, Sartre and Marion,” in *Saint Anselm of Canterbury and His Legacy*, 385-404. Edited by Giles E. M. Gaspar and Ian Logan. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2012.
- “Thomas Aquinas and the Difficulties of Reading the Natural Law Written on Our Hearts,” in *Reason, Religion and the Natural Law*, pp. 133-154. Edited by Jonathan A. Jacobs. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- “New Standards for Certainty: The Reception of Aristotle's *Posterior Analytics* in the late 12th and early 13th centuries,” *Uncertain Knowledge: Scepticism, Relativism, and Doubt in the Middle Ages*, pp. 37-62. Edited by Dallas G. Denery II, Kantik Ghosh, and Nicolette Zeeman. Brepols, 2013.
- “Abelard and the Jews,” in *Rethinking Abelard: A Collection of Critical Essays*, pp. 37-50. Edited by Babette S. Hellemans, E. J. Brill, 2014.
- “Reasoning about Nature in Virtue, Action and Law: The Path from Principles to Practice,” *Diametros* 38 (2013): 175-190.
(URL:<http://www.diametros.iphils.uj.edu.pl/?l=2&p=anr25&m=25&if=0&ii=40&ik=38&j=437>)
- “Anselmian Meditation: Imagination, Aporia and Argument,” *Saint Anselm Journal*, Vol. 9, n.1 (Fall 2013) (URL: <http://www.anselm.edu/Institutes-Centers-and-the-Arts/Institute-for-Saint-Anselm-Studies/Saint-Anselm-Journal/Archives/Vol-9-No-1-Fall-2013.htm>)
- "Roger Bacon and Albert the Great on Aristotle's Notion of Science," *Proceedings of the SIEPM Conference: The Pleasure of Knowledge* (Freising, 2012), pp. 437-446.
- “Abelard as Christian Socratist,” in *A Companion to Medieval Christian Humanism*, 101-121. Edited by John P. Bequette. E. J. Brill, 2016.
- “Anselm on Human Finitude: A Dialogue with Existentialism.” *Saint Anselm Journal*, Vol. 10, n. 1 (Fall, 2014), (URL: <http://www.anselm.edu/Documents/Institute%20for%20Saint%20Anselm%20Studies/Fall%202014/Sweeney.pdf>)
- “Late Scholastics and Renaissance Humanists on the Passions in Moral Action,” *The History of the Philosophy of Mind between 1300 and 1600*, pp. 250-269. Edited by Stephan Schmid. Volume 3 in THE HISTORY OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF MIND, edited by Rebecca Copenhaver and Christopher Shields. Acumen Publishing Ltd, Durham, UK, 2018.

- “When is it Wrong? Models of Argument and Interpretation from the 12th to the 13th Century,” *Miscellanea Mediaevalia*, vol. 40 (2018): 19-38.
- “Sin and Grace,” in *A Cambridge Companion to Medieval Ethics*, pp. 348-372. Edited by Thomas Williams. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018.
- “Anselm on Evil and Eudaimonism,” in *New Readings of Anselm of Caterbury’s Intellectual Methods*, pp. 180-91. E. J. Brill, 2022.
- “Ethics and Social Relations,” in *A Cultural History of Ideas in the Medieval Age*. Vol. 2 of *A Cultural History of Ideas* (6 vols.) Edited by Dallas G. Denery. Bloomsbury Academic, 2022, pp. 53-68.
- “Love, the Passions, Relationship: The Contribution of the Medieval Latin Tradition,” in *Learning to Be Human: The Proceedings of the XXIV World Congress of Philosophy, Beijing, China, August 13-20, 2018*. (forthcoming)
- “Boethian Logic and the Boethian Project,” in *Schriften zur Gregorianik-Forschung 2, Ars Scientia*, Verlag Sebnem Yavuz (Schweiz), 2019, pp. 82-99.
- “The Tradition of Affective Spirituality: From Anselm's Prayers to the 12th c.,” *The Saint Anselm Journal*, vol. 16, no. 1 (Fall 2020): 41-56.
- “Who Are We to Each Other? Encountering the Other in Service Learning,” in *Service, Social Justice, and Student Formation: 50 Years of Service Learning* (forthcoming)
- “Love, Friendship, and Community: From Patristic to Medieval Notions,” *Studia Patristica*, Vol. 105 (2021): 95-106.
- “Pilgrimage as Comedy: (Re)Forming Individuals into Community,” in *Pilgrimage and Pedagogy: A Handbook for Teachers and Guides*. Edited by Jeffrey Bloechl and André Brouillette, Fortress Press, 2022, pp. 83-101.
- “The Intersection of Gender and the Emotions: Concupiscence and its Discontents,” in *Augustine and Gender*. Edited by Kim Paffenroth and Maggie A. Labinski. Rowman and Littlefield, 2024, pp. 39-56.
- “Anselm as Teacher: Reasoning about the Affections,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* (Special Issue: Anselm). vol. 98 (2024), no. 2: 179-194.
- "Anselm's Legacy: The Problem of Christ's Passions in the Franciscans and Aquinas," *The Saint Anselm Journal*, vol. 19, no. 2 (Spr 2024): 21-38.
- “The Rhetoric of Medieval Speculative Writing,” *Cambridge History of Rhetoric*. Edited by Jill Ross and Frédérique Woerther. Cambridge University Press (at press)

“Alan of Lille on Scripture: Duality and Paradox,” in *L'Ecriture à partir d'Origène jusqu'à à Laurent Valla*. Edited by Valeria Ingegno and Gilbert Dahan. Brepols (at press)

“An Origin Story for Philosophy without Literary Form,” in *Literature and Philosophy: Research Methods, Forms, and Categories of Thought*. Edited by Žaneta Nalewajk-Turecka, et al. Brill (forthcoming)

“The *Summa contra gentiles* and Aristotelian Science,” in *Critical Guide to Thomas Aquinas's Summa Contra Gentiles*. Edited by Thomas Osborne and Turner Nevitt. Cambridge University Press. (in preparation).

PODCASTS

“Eileen Sweeney on Anselm,” *History of Philosophy Without any Gaps*. Episode 206, posted 10 January 2015. <https://historyofphilosophy.net/anselm-sweeney>

REVIEWS

Stump, Eleanor. *Boethius's In Ciceronis Topica*, in *Review of Metaphysics*, Cornell University Press, 1988, vol. 45, n. 1 (Sept. 1991): 152-3.

Hare, John. E. *The Moral Gap: Kantian Ethics, Human Limits, and God's Assistance*, Oxford University Press, 1996, in *Faith and Philosophy*, vol. 17, n.2 (April 2000): 260-7.

Thomas Aquinas. *The Treatise on Human Nature (ST 1a 75-89)*, translated, with introduction and commentary by Robert Pasnau, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*_2003.04.13, URL=ndpr.icaap.org/content/archives/2003/4/sweeney-pasnau.html

Pinches, Charles R. *Theology and Action: After Theory in Christian Ethics*, W.B. Eerdmans, 2002 in *Theological Studies* 65 (2004): 205-7.

McGrade, Stephen, ed. *The Cambridge Companion to Medieval Philosophy*, Cambridge University Press, 2003, in *Philosophical Books*, 46 (Apr 2005): 141-2.

O'Callaghan, John P. *Thomist Realism and the Linguistic Turn*, Notre Dame University Press, 2003, in *Ars Disputandi: The Online Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 5 (2005): URL=<http://www.arsdisputandi.org/>

Georges, Tobias. *Quam nos divinitatem nominare consuevimus: Die theologische Ethik des Peter Abaelard*. (Arbeiten zur Kirchen- und Theologiegeschichte, 16.), Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2005 in *Speculum*, vol. 82, n. 3 (2007), 704-5.

Bonner, Gerald. *Freedom and Necessity: St. Augustine's Teaching on Divine Power and Human Freedom*, Catholic University Press, 2007, in *Speculum*, vol. 83, n. 3 (2008), 667-8.

- Relihan, Joel C. *The Prisoner's Philosophy: Life and Death in Boethius's Consolation*, University of Notre Dame Press, 2007, in *Religious Studies Review* 36 (3) (2010): 234.
- Wang, Stephen. *Aquinas and Sartre: On Freedom, Personal Identity, and the Possibility of Happiness*, The Catholic University of America Press, 2009, in *The Journal of the History of Philosophy* 49 (1) (2011): 130-31.
- Miner, Robert. *Thomas Aquinas on the Passions: A Study of Summa Theologiae Ia2ae 22-48*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009, in *The Journal of Religion* 91 (2) (2011): 277-78.
- Bieniak, Magdalena. *The Soul-Body Problem at Paris, ca. 1200-1250: Hugh of St. Cher and His Contemporaries*. Leuven: Leuven University Press, 2010, in *Speculum* 88.1 (January 2013): 9-10.
- Matter, E. Ann and Lesley Smith, eds. *From Knowledge to Beatitude: St. Victor, Twelfth-Century Scholars, and Beyond*. Essays in Honor of Grover A. Zinn, Jr. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2013, in *H-France Review* Vol. 14 (May 2014), No. 79, pp. 1-4 (URL: <http://www.h-france.net/vol14reviews/vol14no79sweeney.pdf>)
- Marenbon, John. *Abelard in Four Dimensions: A Twelfth-Century Philosopher in his Context and Ours*, Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2013, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 2015, Vol. 53 (3): 547-8.
- Rogers, Katherin A. *Freedom and Self-Creation: Anselmian Libertarianism*, Oxford University Press, 2015, in *The Thomist* vol. 81, n. 4 (Oct. 2017): 614-617.
- Rist, John M. *What is a Person? Realities, Constructs, Illusions*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2020, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 59 (2):345-346 (2021)
- Holopainen, Toivo. *A Historical Study of Anselm's "Proslogion": Argument, Devotion and Rhetoric*. (Anselm Studies and Texts 2) Leiden: Brill, 2020, in *Speculum* 98/1 (Jan. 2023): 277-278.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "The Story of Francis of Assisi's 'Canticle of the Creatures': Freedom and Creaturehood Intertwined," invited keynote paper, Franciscan Institute of Korea, Seoul, South Korea, June 30-July 1, 2025
- Invited lecture, Topic TBD, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, June 2025.
- "All You Need is Love: Marsilio Ficino's Rewriting of Plato's *Symposium*," Makarios Conference on "Love of Neighbor", Rome, Italy, May 31-June 1
- "Anselm's Legacy: The Problem of Christ's Passions . . . and Ours," American Catholic Philosophical Association, November 19-21, 2023.

With Gregory Fried, "Service Learning and the Education of Feeling: Contributions from the Middle Ages and Contemporary Application," Makarios Conference on Character and Virtue in the Christian Tradition, Rome, May 26-28, 2023.

"Tracing the Passions from Medieval to Modern Thinkers," Humboldt University, Berlin, May 21, 2023.

"After Aquinas: Some Later Medieval Developments on the Passions," Ca' Foscari University, Venice, November 29, 2022.

"The Source of Moral Evil: Passion vs. the Will," Société Internationale pour l'Étude de Philosophie Médiévale, World Congress, Paris, August 22-26, 2022.

"Aquinas on the Passions in Context: Precursors and Followers," Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy Conference, University of Notre Dame, October 4-6, 2021

"An Origin Story for Philosophy without Literary Form," Literature and Philosophy: Research Methods, Figures and Forms of Thought. An International Conference, September 4-5, 2021.

"Incarnation, Individuality, and Community on a Spiritual Journey, *Pilgrimage as a Spiritual Practice*, Virtual International Conference, April 29-May 1, 2021

"In Praise of Moderation: Medieval Philosophers on the Linguistic Turn," Invited Lecture in Fall Lecture Series, The Catholic University of America, December 6, 2019

"The Problem of Nature in Thomas Aquinas," American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting, November 22-24, 2019, Minneapolis, MN

"The Tradition of Affective Spirituality: From Anselm's Prayers to the 12th Century," American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting, November 22-24, 2019, Minneapolis, MN

"Love, Friendship and Community: From Patristic to Medieval Notions," International Conference on Patristics Studies, University of Oxford, August 19-24, 2019.

"Medieval Notions of Vice and Sin: Some Contrasts with the Ancients," American Philosophical Society Central Division Meeting, Denver, CO, February 22, 2019.

"Love, the Passions, Relationship: The Contribution of the Medieval Latin Tradition," *Invited presentation*, The 27th World Congress of Philosophy, Beijing, China, August 11-17, 2018.

"Anselm as Teacher: Reasoning about the Affections," Keynote lecture, Anselm Conference, The Universities of Houston and St. Thomas, May 4-5, 2018.

"Nature and Chaotic Matter in the 12th Century," Invited lecture, Free University of Brussels, Belgium, October 10, 2017.

- “Libre choix et Finitude chez Anselme,” Invited lecture, Free University of Brussels, Belgium, October 9, 2017.
- “The Literary Art of Scholasticism and the Creation of the World,” Degree Zero of Sound and Image, c. 1000-1800, University of Groningen, The Netherlands, October 5, 2017.
- “Philosophizing about Nature In the 12th Century,” Invited lecture, Colloque Philosophe au XII^e Siècle, Collège de France, Paris, France, May 29-30, 2017.
- “When is it Wrong? Models of Argument and Interpretation from the 12th to the 13th Century,” Kölner Mediaevistentagung, Cologne, Germany, September 12-15, 2016.
- “The Shifting Role of the Passions from Ockham to Montaigne,” APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, March, 3-5, 2016.
- “Aquinas as Ecstatic Aristotelian: Literary Reflections on the *Summa theologiae*,” Invited Aquinas Lecture, The University of Dallas, January 28, 2016.
- “The Liberal Arts in the 11th and 12th Centuries: (Selective) Nurturing of the Tree of Knowledge,” Invited presentation, Harvard University Medieval Colloquium on the Liberal Arts, September 24, 2015.
- “Anselm on Evil and Eudaimonism,” *Reading Anselm: Context and Criticism*, International Association of Anselm Studies Conference, Boston College, July 27-30, 2015
- “Medieval Philosophy 50 years later: What’s Changed and What Hasn’t,” 50th Anniversary Special Session for the 50th Anniversary of the International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 15, 2015.
- “Late Scholastics and Renaissance Humanists on the Passions in Moral Action,” *The History of the Philosophy of Mind between 1300 and 1600*, Berlin, Germany, October 23-25, 2014.
- “Albert the Great and *Experimentum*,” 49th International Congress on Medieval Philosophy, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 8-11, 2014.
- “Abelard as Christian Socratist,” International Association for Anselm Studies Meeting, Providence College, Providence, RI, May 12, 2014.
- “Boethius on Nature in the 12th Century,” *Revisiting the Legacy of Boethius in the Middle Ages*, Harvard University, March 15, 2014.
- "Reply to Rogers and Staley," in *Rethinking the Anselmian Corpus: Responses to Sweeney's Anselm of Canterbury and the Desire for the Word*, American Catholic Philosophical Association, Los Angeles, November 2-4, 2012.
- "Albert the Great, Thomas Aquinas, and Bonaventure on the Nature of Science," Toronto Medieval Colloquium, University of Toronto, September 21-22, 2012.

- "Roger Bacon and Albert the Great on Aristotle's Notion of Science," Société Internationale pour l'Étude de Philosophie Médiévale, World Congress, Freising, Germany, August 20-25, 2012.
- "A Philosopher Turns to Poetry," Lilly Graduate Fellows Conference, Boston, August 13, 2012.
- Comment on Martin Hägglund, "The Faith of Radical Atheism," *Unbelievable: Jacques Derrida and 'Religion'*, Boston College, April 26-27, 2012.
- "Anselm on Human Finitude: A Dialogue with Existentialism," The St. Anselm Lecture, St. Anselm College, April 25, 2012.
- "Anselmian Meditation: Imagination, Aporia, and Argument," American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, October 28-30, 2011
- "The Rorty Thesis: The Convergence of Analytic and Continental Philosophy in Davidson and Derrida," *An Inquiry into the Continental Analytic Divide*, Boston College Workshop in Contemporary Philosophy, October 8, 2011
- "New Standards for Certainty: The Reception of Aristotle's *Posterior Analytics* in the late 12th and early 13th centuries," *Uncertain Knowledge in the Middle Ages*, April 7-9, 2011, King's College, Cambridge, England.
- "Abelard and the Jews," International Medieval Congress, Leeds, England, July 11-14, 2011.
- "Nothing and the Metaphysics of Becoming in Anselm," Boston Medieval Philosophy Colloquium, February 25, 2010 and The Metaphysical Society of America, March 6, 2010.
- Book panel presentation with the author on Alasdair MacIntyre's *God, Philosophy and Universities*, November, 2009, *The Church in the 21st Century*, Boston College
- Comment on Andrew Salzman, "Idol or Icon: Imagination, Truth, and Augustine's Apophaticism," Boston Colloquium in Historical Theology, July 31, 2009
- "Anselm's Letters of Spiritual Direction: Finding Presence in Absence," 44th International Congress on Medieval Philosophy, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 7-10, 2009
- "*De casu diaboli*: Accepting the Logic of Receiving," *Saint Anselm of Canterbury and His Legacy*, University of Kent, at Canterbury, April 22-25, 2009
- "Philosophy, Service Learning and Ethical Formation: Possibilities and Pitfalls," Jesuit Philosophy Summit, Seattle University, April 16-17, 2009
- Comment on Thomas Hibbs, "How to Begin to Study Thomas Aquinas," Bradley Lecture, Boston College, April 18, 2008

“Theology vs. Preaching in Aquinas,” at The 35th Annual Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, on Dominicans and Franciscans, April 10-11, 2008

“Derrida for Beginners: Derrida on Austin and Searle,” presentation at the Derrida Workshop, Boston College, October 13, 2007

“Reading Aquinas: Myths, Dangers, and Virtues,” Invited Aquinas lecture, St. Mary’s College, South Bend, Indiana, October 8, 2007

“Anselm in Dialogue with the Other,” Societé Internationale pour l’Étude de Philosophie Médiévale, World Congress, Palermo, September 16-22, 2007

Comment on Paul LaChance, “Analogical Predication of Transcendentals”, Patristic/Medieval Conference, Boston College, August 1-2, 2007

“Aquinas on Passion and Sin,” invited paper at The 34th Annual Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, on the Seven Deadly Sins, March 30-31, 2007.

“Linguistic Analysis and the Anselmian Project,” at Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, New York City, October 20, 2006.

“Free Will and the Fall of the Devil in Anselm,” Patristic/Medieval Conference, Boston College, August 6-7, 2006

“The Asymmetry between Language and Being: The Case of Anselm,” plenary lecture at the Graduate Conference in Philosophy at Boston College, “On Language,” April 8, 2006, Boston College

“Alan of Lille’s Theological Dictionary: Between Literature and Philosophy,” Medieval Academy Annual Meeting, Boston, March 2006

“Boethius’s Liberation of the Prisoner: Poetry and the Pedagogy of the *Consolation*,” invited plenary lecture at the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, New York City, October 15, 2005

“Peregrinations in Medieval Philosophy,” at “Wit, Scholar, Mentor: Celebrating the Life and Work of Louis Mackey,” University of Texas, Austin, TX, Oct 1, 2005

"The Relationship between Prayer and Argument in Anselm," invited lecture at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, March 2003.

"Anselm's *Proslogion*: The Desire for the Word," Boston Medieval Philosophy Colloquium, January 2003.

"Anselm and Dialogue: Distance and Reconciliation," Conference on Dialogue in the Middle Ages, University of Freiburg, Germany, March 12, 1998.

- "Ordering Differences: Aquinas vs. the Moderns," The Aquinas Lecture, Emory University, September 1997.
- "Battle Cries and Lamentations: Theology and Poetry in Abelard," presented to the International Congress of Medieval Philosophy, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 1997 and to the Boston Area Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Boston, September 1997.
- "The Quarrel Between Philosophy and Poetry in the Middle Ages," presented to the Société Internationale pour l'Étude de Philosophie Médiévale, World Congress, Erfurt, Germany, August 1997.
- "Restructuring Desire: Aquinas, Hobbes and Descartes on the Passions," presented at the Société Internationale pour l'Étude de Philosophie Médiévale conference on the influence of Medieval Thought on Early Modern Philosophy, Boston, June 1996.
- "Creativity and Tradition in Abelard's Laments," presented to the Medieval Forum, Boston College, December 1996.
- "Consolation is not the Real Thing: the Complication and Postponement of Closure in Boethius," Boston College Institute of Medieval Philosophy and Theology, September 1995.
- "Aquinas on the Body and Individuation," Köln Mediaevisten Tagung, Individuation and Individuals, September 1994.
- "Alan of Lille: Transgressing and Transcending the Laws of Nature and the Rules of Language," 28th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 1993.
- "Rousseau on the States of Nature, Marriage, and the Social Contract," Boston College Colloquium, May 1993.
- "The Determination of Habit and Action by Form in Aquinas," presented to the Société Internationale pour l'Étude de Philosophie Médiévale World Congress, Ottawa, Canada, August 1992.
- "Hugh of St. Victor: The Augustinian Tradition of Sacred and Secular Reading Revised," Invited for a conference on Augustine's *De Doctrina Christiana*, University of Notre Dame, April 1991.
- "'Analyzing' Analysis: Its Different Prototypes in Ancient, Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy," American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, April 1991.
- "Transcending Aristotle: Natural Motion and Acts of the Divine and Human Will," Medieval Academy meeting, Princeton University, April 1991.
- "Two Notions of Simplicity in Aquinas," Boston Medieval Philosophy Colloquium, November 19, 1990.

"*Resolutio* and the Dialectical Structure of Reasoning in Aquinas," Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Philosophy Conference, Villanova University, September 15, 1989.

"Rewriting Scriptural Narrative: Theology as An Academic Discipline in the Middle Ages," International Association for Philosophy and Literature, Dialectic and Narrative, Emory University, May 4, 1989.

"Nominalism vs. Realism: Aquinas on Universals and Natural Supposition," Colloquium, Marquette University, March 31, 1989.

"Gundassalinus' *De Divisione Philosophiae*: A Stage in the Aristotelian 'Revolution' in the Sciences," 23rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 5-8, 1988.

"Metaphysics and its Distinction from Sacred Doctrine in Aquinas," presented to the Société Internationale pour l'Étude de Philosophie Médiévale World Congress, Helsinki, Finland, August 24-29, 1987.

"The *Anticlaudianus* and the 'Proper' Language of Theology," Illinois Medieval Association, Chicago, Fall, 1986.

SERVICE:

Department and University:

Conference Organizer: *Richard Cobb-Stevens: Phenomenology, Pragmatism, and Pedagogy*, Boston College, September 20-21, 2019

Member, Academic Council, Venice International University, Fall 2019-present

Search Committee, PULSE Service learning program, Fall-Spring 2019-2020

Search Committee, Science and Values, Fall 2018-Spring 2019

Fulbright Advisor, 2012-present

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Fall 2015-Spring 2016

Undergraduate Committee Member, Fall 2015-present

Chair's Advisory Committee, Fall 2015-Spring 2019

College of Arts and Sciences Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2015-16

Search Committee, Political Philosophy, 2015

Ad Hoc Committee on Future Hiring plans, Spring 2015

Curriculum Committee, Philosophy Department, 2012-2014

Placement Officer, Graduate program in philosophy, 1995-2013

Member, Graduate Committee, Philosophy Dept., Boston College, 2004-2013, 2019-present

Graduate Program Director, Boston College, Spring 1993, Sept. 1995-July 2001, Fall 2004, Fall 2007-Spring 2008.

Member, Educational Policy Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2003-5

Member, Educational Policy Committee, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 1998-2001

Chair, Subcommittee on Academic Affairs, Educational Policy Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston College, 2005

Member, Faculty Compensation Committee, 2008-2011

Outside Boston College:

International Association of Anselm Studies, Vice-President, and 2015 Conference organizer and Host. *Reading Anselm: Context and Criticism*, Boston College, July 27-30, 2015.

Philosophy Book Review Editor, *Speculum* (Journal of the Medieval Academy of America), Spring 2015-Spring 2018.

Journal of the History of Philosophy, Executive Board Member, March 2015-present.

Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, Executive Council, Member, 2007-present; Vice-President, 2011-13, President, 2013-15, ex-officio 2016-2018.

American Catholic Philosophical Association Executive Committee, Executive Council, 1996-8, 2015-2018.

Manuscript reviewer for Continuum Press, Lexington Press, University of Toronto Press, The Catholic University of America Press, Cambridge University Press, Amsterdam University Press.

Grant application reviewer: National Humanities Center; National Science Center, Poland

Referee *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *The Modern Schoolman*, *Modern Theology*, *British Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Speculum*, *Faith and Philosophy*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *The Downside Review*, *Sophia*

Review of Metaphysics Dissertation Essay Contest Evaluation Committee, 2012

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

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