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EDUCATION

- 1996 Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Iowa.
- 1993 M.A. in Philosophy, University of Iowa.
- 1991 B.A. in Philosophy (with honors), University of Colorado, Boulder.

Areas of Specialization: Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion.

Areas of Research Interest: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language, Ethics.

EMPLOYMENT

- 2005–*Present.* Associate Professor of Philosophy, Purdue University.
- 2000–2005. Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Purdue University.
- 1999–2000. Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of St. Thomas.
- 1998–1999. Research Fellow, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame.
- 1997–1998. Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Calvin College.
- 1996–1997. Postdoctoral Fellow, Valparaiso University.

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Book:

1. 2004. *The Cambridge Companion to Abelard*. (Co-edited with Kevin Guilfooy). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Edited Journal Issue:

1. 2007. Special issue of *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* on Peter Abelard, with “Editor’s Introduction,” 81: 162-167.

Book Chapters:

1. Forthcoming. “Matter, Form, and Individuation.” In *The Oxford Handbook to Aquinas*, eds. Brian Davies and Eleonore Stump. (= 24 pages)
2. Forthcoming. “Simplicity and Aseity.” In *The Oxford Handbook to Philosophical Theology*, eds. Michael Rea and Thomas Flint. (= 35 pages)
3. 2004. “Anselm’s Ethics.” In *The Cambridge Companion to Anselm*, eds. Brian Davies and Brian Leftow (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 222-256.
4. 2004. “Abelard on the Trinity.” In *The Cambridge Companion to Abelard* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 223-257.
5. 2004. “Editors’ Introduction” (With Kevin Guilfooy). In *The Cambridge Companion to Abelard* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 1-12.

Journal Articles:

1. 2008. “Aquinas on Mental Representation: Concepts and Intentionality” (with Susan Brower-Toland). *The Philosophical Review* 117: 193-243.
2. 2008. “Making Sense of Divine Simplicity.” *Faith and Philosophy* 25: 3-30.

3. 2006. "A Theistic Argument Against Platonism (and in Support of Truthmakers and Divine Simplicity)." (With Michael Bergmann). *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* 2: 357-386.
4. 2005. "Aquinas's Metaphysics of Modality: Reply to Leftow." *Modern Schoolman* 83: 201-212.
5. 2005. "Material Constitution and the Trinity." (With Michael Rea). *Faith and Philosophy* 22: 57-76.
6. 2004. "The Problem with Social Trinitarianism: Reply to Wierenga." *Faith and Philosophy* 21: 295-303.
7. 2001. "Relations without Polyadic Properties: Albert the Great on the Nature and Ontological Status of Relations," *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 83, 225-57.
8. 2001. "Medieval Theories of Relations," *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Summer 2001 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/reasons-medieval/> (= 19,979 words).
9. 1998. "Abelard's Theory of Relations: Reductionism and the Aristotelian Tradition," *The Review of Metaphysics* 51: 605-631.

Book Reviews:

1. 2006. Review of Thomas Williams, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Duns Scotus*, *The Philosophical Review* 115: 259-262.
2. 2003. Review of John Haldane (ed.), *Mind, Metaphysics, and Value in the Thomistic and Analytical Traditions* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2002), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* March 2003, URL = <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=1209> (= 1,628 words).
3. 2001. Review of Richard Cross, *Duns Scotus* (Oxford University Press), *Philosophia Christi* 3: 310-11.
4. 2000. Review of Paul Vincent Spade (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Ockham* (Cambridge University Press), *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 38: 588-89.
5. 2000. Review of Simon Kemp, *Cognitive Psychology in the Middle Ages* (Greenwood Press), *Speculum* 75: 206-207.

Semi-Popular Articles:

1. 2007. "The God of Eth and the God of Earth" (with Michael Bergmann). *Think: Philosophy for Everyone* 14: 33-38.
2. 2004. "Understanding the Trinity" (with Michael C. Rea). *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 8: 145-157.

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. Book: *Aquinas on Material Objects* (in progress)
2. Journal Article: "A New Type of Response to the Problem of Temporary Intrinsic" (25 pages)
3. Journal Article: "Aquinas on Change and Hylomorphism" (57 pages)
4. Journal Article: "Aquinas on Lying." (33 pages)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

1. 2006-07. Humboldt Research Fellowship. Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany.
2. 2004. Summer Faculty Grant. Purdue Research Foundation, School of Liberal Arts, Purdue University.
3. 2004. NEH Summer Seminar Participant, "Soul and Substance in Aristotle and the Aristotelian Tradition" with Christopher Shields and Robert Pasnau, University of Colorado at Boulder.
4. 2003. Participant in summer seminar on Aquinas, "Mind, World, and Representation" with John Haldane, University of St. Thomas.
5. 2001. Dean's Incentive Grant, School of Liberal Arts, Purdue University.
6. 1998-99. Research Fellowship, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame.
7. 1998. Calvin Summer Seminar Participant, "Anselm: Faith Seeking Understanding" with Eleonore Stump, Calvin College.
8. 1996-97. Postdoctoral Fellowship, Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts, Valparaiso University.
9. 1996-97. Outstanding Dissertation in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Iowa.
10. 1992-93. Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, College of Liberal Arts, University of Iowa.
11. 1993. Honors *cum laude* in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder. (*Thesis title*: Aristotle's Theory of Universals; *Thesis Advisor*: Christopher Shields).

 INVITED TALKS

1. 2007. "Aquinas's Hylomorphism." Thomas-Institut, University of Cologne, Germany, June.
2. 2007. "Aquinas on Change and Hylomorphism." Trinity College, Cambridge, March.
3. 2007. "Aseity and Simplicity." Butler Society, Oriel College, Oxford, February.
4. 2006. "Aquinas's Hylomorphism." Department of Philosophy, Charles Univeristy, Prague, November.
5. 2006. "Aquinas on Simplicity." Czech Society of Thomas Aquinas, Dominican Convent at St. Giles, Prague, November.
6. 2006. "Aquinas on Material Substance." Central APA, Symposium ("Theories of Substance: Ancient, Medieval, and Modern"), April.
7. 2005. "Understanding the Trinity." Department of Philosophy, Hope College, Holland, MI, February.
8. 2004. Comments on Brian Leftow, "Aquinas on God and Modal Truth." *Medieval Metaphysics*, 6th Henle Conference, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO, April.
9. 2004. "Aquinas on Lying." Moody Conference in Medieval Philosophy, University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, February.
10. 2003. "Anselm on Ethics." Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, April.
11. 2002. Comments on Edward Wierenga, "Trinity and Polytheism." *The Kenneth Konyndyk Memorial Lecture*, Society of Christian Philosophers, Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, April.
12. 2001. "Bernard of Clairvaux." Pew Traditio Seminar, University of Notre Dame, July.
13. 2000. "Real Distinctions in a Simple God." Founding session of the Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics, American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting, University of Dallas, November.
14. 1999. Comments on Thomas Flint's "Molinism, Freedom and the Incarnation." 46th Annual Wheaton Philosophy Conference, Wheaton College, October.
15. 1997. "Abelard's Theory of Relations." Conference on the Thought of Peter Abelard, UCLA, February.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

1. 2007. "Aquinas on Change and Hylomorphism." Midwestern Conference in Medieval Philosophy, Saint Louis University, October.
2. 2006. "Aquinas's Basic Hylomorphism". Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Cornell University, June.
3. 2004. "Aquinas on Lying." Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Cornell University, June.
4. 2003. "Material Constitution and the Trinity" (With Michael Rea). Eastern APA, Symposium, December.
5. 2003. "Aquinas on Mental Representation" (with Susan Brower-Toland). Midwest Conference in Medieval Philosophy, Creighton University, September.
6. 2003. "Anselm on Ethics." Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Cornell University, June.
7. 2003. "Anselm on Ethics." Mid-West Seminar on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Marquette University, March.
8. 2002. "Material Constitution and the Trinity" (With Michael Rea). Society of Christian Philosophers, Midwest Regional Meeting, Indiana University, September.
9. 2002. "Anselm on Ethics." Department of Philosophy, Purdue University, October 2002.
10. 2001. "Numerical Sameness without Identity: Abelard on the Trinity." Philosophy Department, Purdue University, November.
11. 2001. "Abelard on the Trinity." Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Cornell University, June.
12. 2001. "Medieval Theories of Relations." Medieval Studies Colloquium, Purdue University, February.
13. 2000. "Real Distinctions in a Simple God." Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Cornell University, June.
14. 2000. "Aquinas on the Trinity." 35th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May.
15. 2000. "Albert the Great on the Nature and Ontological Status of Relations." Purdue University, Department of Philosophy, February.
16. 2000. "Albert the Great on the Nature and Ontological Status of Relations." Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Cornell University, May.
17. 1999. "Making Sense of Divine Simplicity." Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Cornell University, June.
18. 1999. "Identity, Real Distinction, and the Categories: Aquinas on the Trinity." Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame, February.

19. 1997. "Albert the Great on the Nature and Ontological Status of Relations." Loyola University of Chicago, Department of Philosophy, March.
20. 1997. "Albert the Great on the Nature and Ontological Status of Relations." Calvin College, Department of Philosophy, February.
21. 1996. "Abelard's Commentary on *Categories* 7." 31st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May.
22. 1996. "Abelard's Theory of Relations." Calvin College, Department of Philosophy, March 1996.
23. 1996. "Abelard's Theory of Relations." University of Toronto, Department of Philosophy, February.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Co-organizer of the (first annual) Midwest Conference in Medieval Philosophy, Creighton University, September 2003.

Referee: (a) Book manuscripts: *Oxford University Press*, *Cambridge University Press*; (b) Journal articles: *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Faith and Philosophy*, *Medieval Philosophy and Theology*, *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *Thomist*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*.

Survey respondent for *Philosophical Gourmet Report*.

TEACHING AT PURDUE

Graduate:

Latin Philosophical Texts (= Reading group of faculty and graduate students meeting 2-3 hours per week to read medieval Latin philosophical texts): Fall 2000-present.

Phil 590 (= Directed Readings in Philosophy): Fall 2007 ("Medieval Natural Philosophy" with J. Tuttle); Spring 2003 ("Self-Deception" with S. Raskin); Summer 2001 ("Medieval Metaphysics" with J. Mulder).

Phil 502 (= Studies in Medieval Philosophy): Fall 2008 ("Aquinas on Material Objects"); Fall 2004 ("Metaphysics of Material Substance"); Fall 2002 ("Philosophy of Aquinas"); Fall 2000 ("Medieval Problem of Universals").

Undergraduate:

Phil 402 (= Studies in Medieval Christian Thought): Spring 2008; Spring 2006; Spring 2003 (honors section); Fall 2001

Phil 302 (= History of Medieval Philosophy/Honors): Fall 2008; Spring 2006; Fall 2004 (honors sections); Fall 2003 (honors section); Fall 2002 (honors section); Fall 2001 (honors section); Fall 2000 (honors section)

Phil 120 (= Critical Thinking): Spring 2001

Phil 111 (= Introduction to Ethics): May 2004, May 2002

Phil 110 (= Introduction to Philosophy): Fall 2005 (large lecture); Spring 2003 (2 sections: one large, one small lecture); Spring 2003 (2 sections: 1 large, 1 small lecture); May 2002; Spring 2001 (large lecture)

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Rebecca Lloyd, "Descartes's Account of Time" (in progress)

Winship Varner "In Defense of a Hylomorphic Analysis of Material Objects" (in progress)

Tully Borland, "Scotus on Ethics and Divine Commands" (chair, defended 2008)

Randy Gibson, "The Mystery of Death: Toward a Pacifist Ethic" (defended 2008)

Allan Hillman, "Leibniz on Perfection and Limitation" (defended 2008)

Tad Robinson "Spinoza on Parts and Wholes" (defended 2007)

Kevin Sharpe, "Functionalism, Dispositions, and Mental Causation" (defended 2007)

James Madden, "Leibniz on Final Causation" (defended 2003)

Justin Skirry, "Problem of Mind-Body Union in Descartes" (defended 2003)

Louis Mancha, "Concurrentism: A Philosophical Investigation" (defended 2002)

AREA EXAMINATION COMMITTEES

History of Philosophy:

Fall 2008: (3 total): David Anderson, John Houston, Justin Matchulat

Fall 2005 (9 total): Erik Baldwin, Tavi Gabor, Allan Hillman, Rebecca Lloyd, Anthony Malagon, Shannon Nason, Alex Nuttall, Mike Thune, Chris Tucker

Fall 2004 (2 total): Tully Borland, Brad Sickler

Fall 2003 (5 total): Bertha Alvarez, Chris Martin, Tad Robinson, David Turpin, Winship Varner

Fall 2002 (5 total): Jack Mulder, Harrison Kleiner, Lee McBride, Joseph Long, Lazar Popov

Fall 2001 (2 total): Alex Carmical, Joon Kang

Fall 2000 (2 total): James Madden, Justin Skirry

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Director of Graduate Recruitment, Admissions, and Funding (2008-2009)

Graduate Committee (2008-2009)

Grievance Committee (2008-2009)

Undergraduate Committee (Fall 2008)

Graduate Placement Director (2004-2006)

Educational Policy Committee (2003-2005)

Liberal Arts Honors Committee (2002-2003)

Undergraduate Committee (2002-2003)

Philosophy Department Strategic Planning Committee, Chair (Fall 2001)

PRF Research Grant Proposal Review Committee (Fall 2001)

Undergraduate Committee (Fall 2001)

Dean's Scholar Mentor (2000-2001)

Colloquium and Speakers (2003-2004, 2000-2001)

Search Committee for New Hires (Fall 2005, Fall 2001, Fall 2000)

Interview Committee for New Hires (Fall 2005, Fall 2001, Fall 2000)

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Philosophical Association

American Catholic Philosophical Association

Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

Society of Christian Philosophers

LANGUAGES AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

Latin, Greek, German, French, Japanese

Medieval Latin Paleography

REFERENCES

Scott Macdonald, Department of Philosophy, Cornell University

Eleonore Stump, Department of Philosophy, Saint Louis University

Peter King, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto

Christopher Shields, Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford

Andreas Speer, Thomas-Institut, Universität zu Köln