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Education

Ph.D., University of Iowa, 1997  
B.A., Philosophy, University of Washington, 1991

Dissertation

*Human Action and Human Freedom: Four Theories of Liberum Arbitrium in the Early Thirteenth Century*  
Dissertation supervisor: Scott MacDonald

Areas of Specialization

medieval

Book chapters/papers

“The Status of Evil and Sin in *Summa contra gentiles*.” Forthcoming. *Aquinas’s Summa Contra Gentiles: A Critical Guide*. Thomas Osborne and Turner Nevitt, eds. Cambridge University Press.

“Natural and Eternal Law in Thomas Aquinas.” Forthcoming. *Natural Law*. William M. R. Simpson

“Worthy Constraints in Albertus Magnus’s Theory of Action.” 2001. *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 39 (4): 491-533.

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“Is Thomas Aquinas Committed to Pacifism?” Morris Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy. April 5-8, 2018. Boulder, CO.

“Black on the Outside, White on the Inside: Peter Abelard’s Use of Race.” American Philosophical Association, Central Division. March 1-4, 2017. Kansas City, MO.

“Specifically Christian Sins: Aquinas on *Malitia*, *Acedia*, and the Sins against the Holy Spirit.” November 15, 2016. Wheaton College. Wheaton, IL.

“*Malitia*, *Acedia*, and Sins against the Holy Spirit.” Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy sponsored satellite session. 2016 Annual Meeting, American Catholic Philosophical Association. November 3-6, 2016. San Francisco, CA.

“Intersections for Race, Social Justice, and Education in the Classroom.” Dialogue on Race and Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. April 6-8, 2016. Berea College. Berea, KY.

The Epistemology of Practical Sciences in the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Centuries. February 22-24, 2007. Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität. Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

“Early Jesuit Pedagogy and the Subordination of Women: a Foundational Opportunity.” Jesuit and Feminist Education: Transformative Discourses for Teaching and Learning Conference. Fairfield University. October 27-29, 2006. Fairfield, CT.

“Early Jesuit Pedagogy and the Subordination of Women: a Foundational Opportunity.” Fourth Annual Midwestern Conference in Medieval Philosophy. October 13-14, 2006. Loyola University. Chicago, IL.

“An Unequal Relationship of Equals: Thomas Aquinas on Marriage.” Women’s Studies Faculty Symposium, “Reading Women into the Texts.” February 11, 2005. Saint Louis University. St. Louis, MO.

“Socratic Ignorance and Thomas Aquinas’s Moral Psychology.” Second Midwestern Conference in Medieval Philosophy. University of Iowa. September 17-18, 2004. Iowa City, IA.

“An Unequal Relationship between Equals: Thomas Aquinas on Marriage.” Seventh Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy. June 3-5, 2004. Ithaca, NY.

“Aquinas on Malicious Acts.” Sixth Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy. May 29-31, 2003. Ithaca, NY.

“Obscured Intentions: Problems in Translating *Liberum Arbitrium*.” Thirty-seventh International Congress on Medieval Studies. May 2003. Kalamazoo, MI.

“Aquinas on Malicious Acts.” American Philosophical Association, Central Division. April 23-26, 2003. Cleveland, OH.

“Aquinas on Malicious Acts.” SLU Philosophy Colloquium. February 21, 2003. Saint Louis, MO.

“Bernard of Clairvaux on Sin, Grace, and the Freedom of Human Action.” Midwest Regional Meeting, Society of Christian Philosophers. September 12-14, 2002. Bloomington, IN.

“Aquinas on Malice in the Will.” Fifth Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy. May 30-June 1, 2002. Ithaca, NY.

“Gracia and the Question of Religious Relativism.” Book session: Jorge J.E. Gracia’s *Can We Know What God Means?: The*

“Intellective Appetite and Freedom: a reply to Thomas Williams.” Fourth Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy. May 31-June 2, 2001.

“Albertus Magnus and Thomas Aquinas on the Freedom of Human Action.” Third Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy. June 1-3, 2000. Ithaca, NY.

“The Roots of Ethical Voluntarism.” International Medieval Congress ‘99. July 12-15, 1999. Leeds, UK.

“Happiness and Freedom in Aquinas’s Theory of Action.” Second Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy. June 3-5, 1999. Ithaca, NY

“Bernard of Clairvaux and the Ethical Voluntarists.” Thirty-fourth International Congress on Medieval Studies. May 6-9, 1999. Kalamazoo, MI.

“Happiness and Freedom in Aquinas’s Theory of Action.” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division. March 30-April 3, 1999. Berkeley, CA.

“Happiness and Freedom in Aquinas’s Theory of Action.” Fourth Annual Aquinas Lecture in Philosophy. September 24, 1998. Emory University, Atlanta, GA.

“The Roots of Ethical Voluntarism.” First Cornell Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy. May 28-30, 1998. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

“The Roots of Ethical Voluntarism.” Twenty-Second Annual Mid-South Philosophy Conference. February 27-28, 1998. Memphis, TN.

“Freedom and Constraint in Philip the Chancellor’s Theory of Action.” Thirty-first International Congress on Medieval Studies. May 8-12, 1996. Kalamazoo, MI.

“Worthy Constraints in Albertus Magnus’s Theory of Action.” Annual Conference, Iowa Philosophical Society. November 11, 1995. Iowa City, IA.

#### Work in Progress

“Should Thomas Aquinas be Committed to Pacifism?” (under review)

“The use of climate theory in Albertus Magnus’s Natural Philosophy” (draft)

#### Honors and Awards

Beaumont Scholarship Research Award. Saint Louis University, 2021.

Helen I. Mandeville Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Humanities, College of Arts & Sciences, Saint Louis University, 2021.

Women’s and Gender Studies Founders Award. Saint Louis University, 2019.

Fellow, Ignatian Pedagogy Academy. Saint Louis University, 2019.

Innovative Teaching Fellowship, Reinert Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning. Saint Louis University, spring/fall semesters 2019.

Faculty Research Leave, Saint Louis University, fall semester 2012.

Participant, Summer Seminar in Christian Scholarship. "Seven Deadly Sins (Capital Vices) in the Christian Tradition. 21 June-2 July, 2010. Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI.

Mellon Travel Grant, 2010.

CCCS Grant (Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship), 2003-05, along with Rebecca Konyndyk de Young and Christina Van Dyke.  
Mellon Summer Research Stipend, 2003.

CCCU Initiative Grant (Council for Christian Colleges and Universities) 2000-2003, along with Rebecca Konyndyk de Young and Christina Van Dyke, with Eleonore Stump as advisor

Participant, summer seminar, "How Might Christians Think and Teach about Human Nature." 22-28 July, 2001. Follow-up program, 21-23 June, 2002. Weyerhaeser Center for Christian Faith and Learning. Whitworth College, Spokane, WA.

### Teaching Experience

#### Saint Louis University, 1997-

##### Undergraduate courses

Introduction to Philosophy  
Honors Introduction to Philosophy  
Micah Program Introduction to Philosophy  
SLU 2K/Inquiry Introduction to Philosophy  
Ultimate Questions: The Examined Life  
Ethics  
SLU 2K/Inquiry Ethics  
Philosophy of Feminism  
Symbolic Logic  
History of Medieval Philosophy  
Disaster Narratives (co-taught with Toby Benis)  
The Seven Deadly Sins (co-taught with Toby Benis)  
Feminism and the History of Ethics  
Philosophy and Race  
Philosophy and Whiteness  
Crossroads: Introduction to Honors (topic: Medieval Women; co-taught with Philip Gavitt and Sherry Lindquist)

##### Graduate seminars

Aquinas and Scotus on the Will



Feminist Ethics  
Aquinas's Ethics: Foundation and Theory  
Thomas Aquinas on Moral Wrongdoing  
Feminist Theory (for Women's and Gender Studies)  
Feminism and the History of Ethics  
Thomas Aquinas on the Capital Vices  
Morality & War  
Anselm & Abelard

Service Activities

Associate Editor, *Res Philosophica*, 2017-2023

Membership in Professional Organizations

The American Philosophical Association

The American Catholic Philosophical Association

The Society of Christian Philosophers

The Society