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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 2024- Associate Professor of Systematic Theology  
University of Notre Dame, Indiana
- 2011-24 Ordinary Professor (2023-24), Associate Professor (2015-23), Assistant Professor (2011-15), and Area Director (2017-18) of Historical and Systematic Theology  
The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
- 2019 US Fulbright Scholar, Department of Cultural and Religious Studies  
Chinese University of Hong Kong, China
- 2016-17 Visiting Professor, Departments of History and Philosophy  
Peking University, China
- 2014 Visiting Fellow, Department of Theology and Religion  
Durham University, England
- 2010-11 Visiting Fellow, St Thomas Aquinas Institute for Theology and Culture  
University of Fribourg, Switzerland

**EDUCATION**

- 2014 Habilitation, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
- 2007-10 Ph.D., St John's College, University of Cambridge
- 1999-2005 S.T.B., M.Div., S.T.L., Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C.
- 1993-97 B.A. (Philosophy), Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

**MONOGRAPHS**

1. *The Father's Will: Christ's Crucifixion and the Goodness of God* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013); 288 pages.

Reviews: *First Things* (February 2015); *Heythrop Journal* 55:1 (January 2015); *Horizons* 43:1 (June 2016); *Journal of Analytic Theology* 3 (May 2015); *Journal of Religion* 97:1 (January 2017); *Journal of Theological Studies* 66:1 (April 2015); *New Blackfriars* 96:1061 (January 2017)

2015); *Scottish Journal of Theology* 69:3 (August 2016); *Teologinen Aikakauskirja* 120 (2015); *Theology* 118:3 (March/April 2015); *The Thomist* 80:2 (April 2016).

2. *The Logic of Desire: Aquinas on Emotion* (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2011); 319 pages.

Awarded John Templeton Award for Theological Promise (Heidelberg, May 2011)

Reviews: *Anamnesis* 4 (2014); *Choice* (August 2011); *Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Quarterly* 34:4 (Winter 2011); *First Things* (October 2011); *Gregorianum* 94:2 (2013); *Heythrop Journal* 53:4 (July 2012); *International Philosophical Quarterly* 53:4 (December 2013); *Journal of Theological Studies* 63:2 (October 2012); *Modern Theology* 28:2 (April 2012); *New Blackfriars* 93:1045 (May 2012); *Nova et Vetera* 10:2 (Fall 2012); *Pro Ecclesia* 23:4 (Fall 2014); *Review of Metaphysics* 65:4 (June 2012); *Theology* 115:2 (March/April 2012); *The Thomist* 77:1 (January 2013); *Zeitschrift für Katholische Theologie* 134:1 (2012).

### **JOURNAL ARTICLES**

1. "Privation, Teleology, and the Metaphysics of Evil," *Theological Studies* 84:2 (2023): 293-311.
2. "The 'Monarchy' of God the Father," *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 24:3 (2022): 324-351.
3. "Divine Persons and Notional Acts in the Trinitarian Theology of Thomas Aquinas," *Theological Studies* 82:4 (2021): 603-625.
4. "Where Does the Holy Spirit Proceed To?" *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 23:4 (2021): 473-501.
5. "A Voice Like the Sound of Many Waters: Inspiration, Authorial Intention, and Theological Exegesis," *Nova et Vetera* 19:3 (2021): 825-869.
6. "The Return of the Holy Spirit to the Father: A Puzzle for Trinitarian Theology," *Louvain Studies* 44:2 (2021): 114-130.
7. "What God Cannot Do: Divine Power, the Gratitude of Grace, and Henri de Lubac," *Modern Theology* 37:1 (2021): 114-138.
8. "Deriving Natural Law from the Decalogue, Natural Inclination, and God's Silence," *Scottish Journal of Theology* 72:3 (2019): 265-276.
9. "Evolutionary Genetics and Theological Narratives of Human Origins," *The Heythrop Journal* 59:3 (2018): 523-533.

10. "Boredom and Modern Culture," *LOGOS: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 20:2 (2017): 36-59.
11. "Thomas Aquinas on the Emotions," *Philippiniana Sacra* 48:145 (2013): 413-434; Japanese translation, *Katorikku Kenkyu* 82 (2013): 91-127.

### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

1. "Evil, Suffering, and Original Sin," in *The Oxford Handbook of Catholic Theology*, ed. Lewis Ayres, Medi Ann Volpe, and Thomas L. Humphries, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019), 138-150.
2. "Emotion and Desire in the *Summa Theologiae*," in *Aquinas's Summa Theologiae: A Critical Guide*, ed. Jeffrey Hause (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018), 111-130.
3. "Emotions and Psychological Health in Aquinas," in *Emotions and Health, 1200-1700*, ed. Elena Carrera (Leiden: Brill, 2013), 19-46.

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

1. *20s/30s Ministry: A Guide for Parishes* (Mahwah, N.J.: Paulist Press; Washington, D.C.: Paulist Evangelization Ministries, 2016); 128 pages.

### **LECTURES AND INVITED PAPERS**

1. "'He Spoke to Them in Parables' (Mark 3:23): Metaphor, Analogy, and Speaking a Word about God," 2024 Aquinas Lecture, Aquinas Institute of Theology, January 25, 2024, St Louis, Missouri
2. "The Grammar of Divinity: A Genealogy of Confused Thinking about the Divine Essence in Western Trinitarian Theology," Blackfriars Hall, Oxford University, March 10, 2023
3. "The Grammar of Divinity: A Genealogy of Confused Thinking about the Divine Essence in Western Trinitarian Theology," Durham University, March 8, 2023
4. "What It Means to Say Scripture Is Inspired," online lecture for Beijing Communio study circle, September 18, 2021, Beijing, China
5. "Boredom in Modern Culture: Perspectives from Literature and Philosophy," online lecture for various Chinese universities coordinated by the Institute for Sino-Christian Studies, May 13, 2021, Hong Kong, China

6. "Emotion, Rhetoric, and Thomas Aquinas," online lecture for research group PARE: Pesquisa em Argumentação e Retórica (Research into Argumentation and Rhetoric), University of Franca, August 20, 2020, Franca, Brazil
7. "Natural Law, Virtue, and Philosophical Ethics," Beijing Normal University, May 20, 2019, Beijing, China
8. "Theories of Scripture," Zhejiang University, May 13, 2019 Hangzhou, China
9. "Natural Law, Virtue, and Philosophical Ethics," Shanxi University, May 10, 2019, Taiyuan, China
10. "Christ in Early Christian Art," Shaanxi Normal University, May 8, 2019, Xi'an, China
11. "Catholic – Buddhist Ethics Dialogue: An Ethically Happy / Happily Ethical Life," Centre for the Study of Religious Ethics and Chinese Culture, Chinese University of Hong Kong, April 30, 2019, Hong Kong, China
12. "Sacredness and Visual Art: Images and Theologies," Public lecture series, Chinese University of Hong Kong, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2019, Hong Kong, China
13. "The Doctrine of Original Sin: Historical Origins and Contemporary Theological Reflection," Rosaryhill School, January 26, 2019, Hong Kong, China
14. "Emotions in Thomas Aquinas," Beijing Foreign Studies University, April 22, 2017, Beijing, China
15. "The Text of Sacred Scripture and the Intention of the Divine Author," Radboud University, March 7, 2017, Nijmegen, Netherlands
16. "What Was Jesus Intending? Reconstructing Jesus' Historical Attitude toward His Death," 2015 Aquinas Lecture, Providence College, March 16, 2015, Providence, Rhode Island
17. "Emotion and Virtue in Thomas Aquinas," Wuhan University, April 24, 2014, Wuhan, China
18. "Crucifixion and Redemption in Early Christian Theology," Chinese University of Hong Kong, April 22, 2014, Hong Kong, China
19. "Desire, Emotion, and Boredom," China University of Political Science and Law, April 15, 2014, Beijing, China
20. "Original Sin, Evolution, and Death," Durham University, February 11, 2014, Durham, England

21. "Intending and Willing," Peking University, June 7, 2013, Beijing, China
22. "How to Be Bored," Washington College, April 15, 2013, Chestertown, Maryland
23. "How to Be Bored," Providence College, February 6, 2013, Providence, Rhode Island
24. "The Devil's Ransom Revisited: The Crucifixion in Patristic Theology," University of Edinburgh, November 22, 2012, Edinburgh, Scotland
25. "The Devil's Ransom Revisited: The Crucifixion in Patristic Theology," University of St Andrews, November 21, 2012, St Andrews, Scotland
26. "'To the Measure of Christ's Full Stature' (Eph 4:13): Aquinas on Emotion, Virtue, and Grace," Durham University, November 20, 2012, Durham, England
27. "Thomas Aquinas on the Emotions"
  - a. University of Santo Tomas, June 19, 2012, Manila, Philippines
  - b. Sophia University, June 15, 2012, Tokyo, Japan
  - c. Assumption University, June 6, 2012, Bangkok, Thailand
  - d. Fudan University, May 30, 2012, Shanghai, China
  - e. Peking University, May 24, Beijing, 2012, China
  - f. University of St Joseph, May 22, 2012, Macau, China
  - g. Chinese University of Hong Kong, May 21, 2012, Hong Kong, China
  - h. Widya Mandala University, May 16, 2012, Surabaya, Indonesia
  - i. Catholic University of Leuven, May 9, 2012, Leuven, Belgium
  - j. St Edmund's College, Cambridge University, May 3, 2012, Cambridge, England
28. "Theology of the Emotions," Good Shepherd Seminary, May 12, 2012, Pontianak, Indonesia
29. "The Crucifixion in Patristic Thought," Catholic University of Leuven, May 9, 2012, Leuven, Belgium
30. "Ransom, Redemption, and the Sign of Jonah," Blackfriars Hall, Oxford University, May 1, 2012, Oxford, England
31. "Boredom and Its Discontents," Blackfriars Hall, Oxford University, April 30, 2012, Oxford, England
32. "Boredom and Its Discontents," Yale University Divinity School, April 10, 2012, New Haven, Connecticut
33. "Emotion in the Thought of Thomas Aquinas," Georgetown University, April 17, 2012, Washington, D.C.

34. "Emotion and Virtue in Thomas Aquinas," University of Notre Dame, March 6, 2012, South Bend, Indiana
35. "Emotion and Virtue in Thomas Aquinas," University of Chicago, March 2, 2012, Chicago, Illinois
36. "Redemption as Ransom: The Crucifixion in Patristic Theology," Pontifical Gregorian University, November 25, 2011, Rome, Italy
37. "Boredom and Its Discontents," Pontifical Gregorian University, November 23, 2011, Rome, Italy

### **INVITED CONFERENCE PAPERS**

1. "Reading Thomas Aquinas with Chinese Friends," Conference on Thomas Aquinas and Chinese Thought at Mundelein Seminary, March 23-25, 2023, Mundelein, Illinois
2. "How God Reveals the Natural Law through Our Natural Inclinations, Our Suffering, and His Silence," Conference on the Philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas: Natural Law, Virtue Ethics, and Human Flourishing, Fu Jen Catholic University, May 24-25, 2019, Taipei, Taiwan
3. "Faith and Reason and the Inspiration of Scripture," Symposium on *Fides et Ratio*, University of Santo Tomas, February 27-28, 2019, Manila, Philippines
4. "Deriving Natural Law from Mosaic Law, Human Desire, and God's Silence," Symposium on "Law as a Guide to Justice," Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge, March 4, 2017, Cambridge, England
5. "The Crucifixion as Ransom and Jesus' Historical Attitude toward His Death," Boston Colloquy in Historical Theology, July 31-August 2, 2014, Boston College, Massachusetts
6. Invited presenter, panel discussion on "Thomas Aquinas, Common Doctor: Whether and How," Annual Conference of the Catholic Theological Society of America, June 5-8, 2014, San Diego, California
7. "Original Sin, Evolution, and Death," Annual Conference of the Academy of Catholic Theology, May 20-22, 2014, Washington, D.C.
8. "Religious Freedom: *Dignitatis Humanae*'s Place in Catholic Social Teaching, Historically Contextualized," Vatican II Symposium: "Vatican II after Fifty Years," September 26-29, 2012, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

9. "Emotions and Psychological Health in Aquinas," Symposium on "Emotions and Health 1200-1700" at the Queen Mary Centre for the History of the Emotions (University of London), June 26, 2010, London, England

### CONFERENCE PAPERS

1. "Frege, Anselm, and the Grammar of Trinitarian Theology," Annual Conference of the Academy of Catholic Theology, May 23-25, 2023, Washington, D.C.
2. "Analogy, Metaphor, and Religious Language," Eleventh International Thomistic Congress, September 19-24, 2022, Rome, Italy
3. "The Text of Sacred Scripture and the Intention of the Divine Author," conference on *Dei Verbum*, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, February 25-27, 2016, Rome, Italy
4. "The Philosophical Problem of Boredom," conference on "Philosophy Today," Xi'an Jiaotong University, December 21-22, 2013, Xi'an, China
5. "Globalization and Boredom," conference on "Morality and Responsibility in Times of Global Change," Fudan University, December 18-19, 2013, Shanghai, China
6. "The Metaphysics of Desire," conference on "Metaphysics: East and West," China East Normal University, December 16-17, 2013, Shanghai, China
7. "Philosophical Concepts and Cross-Cultural Communication," conference on "Spiritual Foundations and Chinese Cultures," Fu Jen University, December 13-14, 2013, Taipei, Taiwan
8. "God's Will and Divine Intentionality," conference hosted by Thomistic Institute, Dominican House of Studies, June 30-July 5, 2013, Washington, D.C.
9. "'The Desire for Desires': Boredom, Desire, and Joy," Annual Conference of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, November 18-20, 2010, South Bend, Indiana
10. "Emotion in the *Summa theologiae*: Passion, Affection, and Ethics," conference hosted by Thomistic Institute of Warsaw, June 30-July 5, 2010, Warsaw, Poland
11. "Thomas Aquinas's Conceptualization of Emotion: Passion, Affection and His Theological Project in Historical Context," History of Political and Social Concepts Group Annual Conference, September 17-19, 2009, London and Oxford, England
12. "Aquinas's Interpretation of Paul on Emotion, Sin, and Grace," Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain Annual Conference, September 7-10, 2009, Ushaw College, Durham, England

13. "Desire as Natural Law and Divine Command," postgraduate forum of the Society of the Study of Christian Ethics Annual Conference, September 4-6, 2009, Cambridge, England
14. "Anselm on God's Willing of Christ's Crucifixion," conference on St Anselm of Canterbury sponsored by Durham University, April 22-25, 2009, Canterbury, England
15. "Boredom and the Beatitudes," postgraduate forum of the Society for the Study of Christian Ethics Annual Conference, September 5-7, 2008, Cambridge, England
16. "The Ethics of Self-Sacrifice and Christ's Crucifixion," conference on "The Grandeur of Reason" sponsored by the University of Nottingham, September 1-4, 2008, Rome, Italy

### **COURSES**

Introduction to Theology	God's Word in Human Words
Theology of God	Trinity
Christology	The Church: Community & Institution
Christian Anthropology	Christian Eschatology
History of the Second Vatican Council	Original Sin
Theology of the Emotions	Philosophy of the Emotions
Thomas Aquinas on the Emotions	Thomas Aquinas on the Triune God
Fundamentals of Revelation and Faith	Aquinas and Bonaventure (team taught)
Christian Tradition in Art & Culture	Catholic Social Ethics
Intention	

### **OTHER TEACHING**

2009	Adjunct Instructor Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Cambridge, England
2006-07	Adjunct Instructor Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio

### **PASTORAL WORK**

2015	Co-organizer, National Young Adult Ministry Summit Gathering of leaders in Catholic ministry with those in 20s and 30s, May 5-7, Washington, D.C.
2009-15	Invited Presenter, Bishops' Theological Forum Chinese Conference of Catholic Bishops, July 2009, June 2013, September 2015, Beijing, China



2004-07 Associate Pastor  
St. Gertrude's Church, Madeira, Ohio

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2019 US Fulbright Scholar, Chinese University of Hong Kong  
2011- Corresponding Academician of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas  
(Appointed December 6, 2011)  
2011 John Templeton Award for Theological Promise  
2008 Overseas Research Studentship from the British Government (2008-10)  
2007 Cambridge Overseas Trust Bursary (2007-10)