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EDUCATION

- 2030 (Exp.) Ph.D. Moral Theology, University of Notre Dame
- 2025 M.T.S., University of Notre Dame
Areas of Concentration: Moral Theology and History of Christianity
- 2022 B.A. Philosophy and Political Science (*summa cum laude*), Drew University
Thesis: “The Limping Violinist: Why Thomson’s Defense of Abortion Does Not Establish the Conclusion that Abortion is Morally Permissible”
Study Abroad: Spring 2022, Pontificia Università San Tommaso d’Aquino (Angelicum)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2026 “Bodily-Integrity Destructive Procedures and the Principle of Totality: Two Overlooked Criteria Among Some Modern Applications” *Nova et Vetera* (forthcoming)
- 2024 “Heterologous Embryo Transfer: A Thomistic Approach” *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, Vol. 24, No. 3 (2024): 437-446
- 2024 “Homologous Embryo Transfer: An Issue for Certain Arguments Against Embryo Rescue and Adoption” *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, Vol. 24, No. 3 (2024): 407-410
- 2023 “Teleology and the Problem of Bodily-Rights Arguments” *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, Vol. 23, No. 1 (2023): 83-97

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 “To Heaven or Hell We Go: Political Implications of a Thomistic Thesis on Nature and Grace after the Fall,” Aquinas Conference, Ave Maria University, “Aquinas & Sin,” February 5–7
- 2025 “The Primacy of Devotion in the Moral Life and Formation of Seminarians,” St. Mary’s Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD, “Moral Theology and Seminary Teaching Conference 2025,” April 25–26

- 2025 “Thomas Aquinas and the Crisis of Frozen Embryos,” Aquinas Conference, Ave Maria University, “What Would Aquinas Do? The Crises of Our Age and the 800th Anniversary of the Birth of Thomas Aquinas,” January 30 – February 1
- 2024 “Embryo Transfer: A Thomistic Approach,” Albert Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics, 11th Annual Health Care Ethics Research Conference, Saint Louis University, May 3–4
- 2023 “The Ethics of Embryo Adoption”, Society for Christian Bioethicists, 2023 conference, October 20–21
- 2022 “Teleology, the Uterus, and the Rights of the Unborn.”, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference, University of Notre Dame, “‘And It Was Very Good’: On Creation,” November 9–12

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025–Pres. University of Notre Dame, Presidential Fellowship
- 2025–Pres. De Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, Distinguished Solomon Fellow
- 2024–Pres. Jacques Maritain Center, Graduate Maritain Fellow Officer
- 2023–Pres. De Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, Sorin Fellow

GRADUATE SEMINARS

- 2025 Thomistic Institute, Regensburg Summer Seminar, “Memory, Intellect, and Will: The 13th Century Reception of Augustine,” June 15-18
- 2024 Institute for Human Ecology, Rome Seminar, “Grace, Virtue, and Law,” June 22-29
- 2023 Thomistic Institute and Institute for Human Ecology, *Civitas Dei* Summer Fellowship, “Friendship, Happiness, and the Search for God: Aristotle, Augustine, and Aquinas,” June 11-16

EVENTS ORGANIZED & CONFERENCE PANELS CHAIRED

- 2026 Reading Group Leader and Organizer, Maritan Center, “_____ Reading Group”, University of Notre Dame, Spring 2026
- 2025 Panel Chair, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference, “Reproduction, Ethics, and the Church’s Moral Tradition,” University of Notre Dame, November 13–15

- 2024 Organizing Committee Member, Society for Christian Bioethicists, “Fearfully and Wonderfully Made: Human Dignity from Beginning of Life to End of Life,” October 11–12
- 2024 Panel Chair, Aquinas at 800: *Ad Multos Annos* Conference, “Politics and Society: Law and Morality,” University of Notre Dame, September 22–25
- 2023 Panel Chair, “Ethics at the Beginning of Life.”, Society for Christian Bioethicists, 2023 conference, Online, October 20–21

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2025–Pres. Research Assistant, Dr. Matthew K. Miner, Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Ss. Cyril and Methodius
- SUM 2025 Research Assistant, Dr. Paul Scherz, University of Notre Dame

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- SP 2025 Teaching Assistant, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame – William C. Mattison, “Faith and Human Flourishing”
- OCT 2024 “Teleology and Bodily-Rights Arguments,” Guest lecturer for Fr. Maximilian Jaskowak, O.P.’s, Medical Ethics course, St. Mary’s Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD, October 4, 2024
- FA 2024 Teaching Assistant, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame – Gerald McKenny, “Biomedical Ethics”
- SP 2023 Teaching Assistant, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame – Timothy O’Malley, “The Nuptial Mystery: Divine Love and Human Salvation”
- FA 2021 Writing Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Drew University – Erik Anderson, “Personal Identity and Immortality”

INTERNSHIP & WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2023–2025 Thomistic Institute, Contract Worker
- FA 2024 CommonSpirit Health System, Ethics Intern

SUM 2023 Equal Rights Institute, Writing Intern
Blog articles: “[Is Consent to Sex Consent to Pregnancy? A Reply to Boonin’s Argument from Social Conventions](#)” and “[What is a Human Conscious Experience and do All Conscious Humans Have It?](#)”

2022–2023 Thomistic Institute, Junior Fellow (Campus Chapters Coordinator)

2018–2024 U.S. Army Reserve, Psychological Operations Specialist, E-5/SGT

LANGUAGES

- Latin (Level: Beginner)
- French (Level: Beginner)