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Assistant Professor at Franciscan University of Steubenville; Associate Member of Faculty at the Maryvale Institute; Founding Member and Secretary of the Aquinas Institute of Ireland; Associate Scholar of the Hildebrand Project.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (2014 – 2019)

Liverpool Hope University, England

Doctoral research exploring *Edith Stein's Engagement with the Thought of Thomas Aquinas in Her Mature Philosophy of the Human Person*, written under the supervision of Mette Lebeck, Maynooth University, and Marian Maskulak, St. John's University, examined by Christof Betschart, Teresianum, and Stephen Yates, Maryvale Institute, defended without correction, February 2019. This research was co-administered by the Maryvale Institute, England, under the umbrella of their Program in Catholic Studies, and by the Faculty of Theology at Liverpool Hope University, the administrative and awarding body of the degree.

Master of Theological Studies (2007 – 2009)

International Theological Institute, Austria

Master's in theological studies, grounded in a foundational curriculum of philosophy and theology, especially philosophical and theological anthropology, with a concentration in marriage and family.

Higher Diploma (and Bachelor) in Philosophy (2009 – 2011)

St. Patrick's College and Maynooth University, Ireland

Higher diploma in philosophy broadly exploring foundational topics (completed as a bachelor's degree through a directed research project).

Higher Diploma in Theological Studies (2005 – 2006)

St. Patrick's College, Ireland

Higher diploma in theological studies exploring foundational subjects in theology.

Higher Diploma in Applied Science (2000 – 2001)

National University of Ireland, Ireland

Higher diploma in applied science with a concentration in computing.

Bachelor of Science (1995 – 1999)

National University of Ireland, Ireland

Bachelor's degree in natural science with a concentration in physics.

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Franciscan University of Steubenville, U.S.A. (2014 – present)

Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH, USA, responsible for teaching a broad range of undergraduate and graduate courses in philosophy and theology.

Undergraduate Courses: *Introduction to Metaphysics, Foundations of Ethics, Philosophy of the Human Person, Honors: The Renaissance, The Theology of the Body, Christian Marriage, Christian Moral Principles, and Foundations of Catholicism*; Graduate Courses: *The Thought of Edith Stein, and Being a Person: Aquinas, Stein, Wojtyła*.

Many of these courses are comprised of readings taken from the original texts of the masters of the Western tradition, and many are centered on the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas.

International Theological Institute, Austria (2019 – 2020)

Associate member of faculty responsible for teaching graduate courses in philosophical and theological anthropology, namely, ‘Philosophical and Theological Perspectives on the Human Person’ and ‘The Theology of the Body’, for the Master of Marriage and Family program. Courses are administered according to the Socratic method in small classes.

Maryvale Institute, England (2017 – present)

Associate member of faculty responsible for teaching a graduate theology course, ‘Marriage and Family in the Teaching of the Church’, for the Master of Arts program.

Priory Institute, Ireland (2018)

Designed a module in philosophical anthropology, ‘Philosophical Anthropology in Aquinas’, for the Master of Arts program, leading students from the Aristotelian roots of Aquinas’ anthropology, through to a contemporary presentation of Thomistic anthropology.

Aquinas Institute of Ireland (2011 – present)

Founding Member, current Secretary, and Tutor of the Aquinas Institute of Ireland, an association of Catholic academics dedicated to promoting the study of the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas among students of theology and philosophy, as well as interested consecrated religious and lay-persons.

Ballyfermot College of Further Education, Ireland (2003 – 2004)

Primary lecturer of the Preliminary Engineering Course, responsible for teaching ‘Physics’, ‘Mathematics’, ‘Applied Mathematics’, and ‘Introduction to Computing’. This particular course of was run in conjunction with Dublin Institute of Technology.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Pure in Heart (Catholic Youth Movement), Ireland (2005 – 2007)

Member of the management team overseeing the Pure in Heart youth movement and charity, and moderator of the organizations' day to day running, responsible for facilitating retreats and delivering talks on the true meaning of human sexuality to youth across Ireland.

Avaya International, Ireland (2011 – 2014)

Software design and development engineer for Avaya's proprietary contact center application suite, responsible for the design and implementation of web communications architecture.

WBT Systems, Ireland (2005)

Senior software development engineer with programming responsibilities ranging throughout WBT's E-Learning package for managing organizational training and learning.

Nortel Networks, Ireland (1999 – 2003)

Software development engineer and source control manager for Nortel's proprietary call center application suite, responsible for software design and management of software environment.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Scholarly Articles

- 'Edith Stein's Conception of Human Unity and Bodily Formation: A Thomistically Informed Understanding', in *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, 94.4 (2020), pp. 639–63.
- 'The Concept of Christian Philosophy in Edith Stein', in *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, 94.2 (2020), pp. 323-46.
- 'The Cognition of the Human Individual in the Mature Thought of Edith Stein', in *Philosophical News, Official Publication of the European Society for Moral Philosophy*, ed. Elisa Grimi, 16 (issue dated: 2018; actually published: 2020), pp. 131-43.
- 'Human Individuality in Stein's Mature Works', in *Edith Steins Herausforderung heutiger Anthropologie*, ed. by Hanna-Barbara Gerl-Falkovitz and Mette Lebech (Heiligenkreuz: Be&Be, 2017), pp. 124-39.
- 'Essence in Edith Stein's *Festschrift* Dialogue', in *Alles Wesentliche lässt sich nicht schreiben*, ed. by Andreas Speer and Stephen Regh (Freiburg i. Br.: Herder, 2016), pp. 175-94.

Book Reviews

Being Unfolded: Edith Stein on the Meaning of Being, by Thomas Gricoski (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America, 2020), in *ID: International Dialogue, A Multidisciplinary Journal of World Affairs*, ed. Rory Conces, 10 (2020), pp. 62-4.

History of the Concept of Mind, Vols. 1-2, by Paul S. MacDonald (England: Ashgate, 2003), in the *Yearbook of the Irish Philosophical Society* (2014/15), pp. 175-83.

Scholarly Presentations

‘Form and Matter’, Presentation by invitation at Workshop on Edith Stein's *Finite and Eternal Being*, Maynooth University, Ireland (February 2020).

‘Edith Stein’s Understanding of Human Unity and Bodily Formation’, Paper Presentation at the International Conference of the International Association for the Study of the Philosophy of Edith Stein (IASPES), University of Cologne, Germany (August 2019).

‘Personal Authenticity’, ‘Gender and Virtue’, ‘Education that Lasts’, Panel Input and Chair of Panels by invitation at the Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar, OH, U.S.A. (July 2019).

‘The Structure of the Human Person’, Presentation at Symposium on Edith Stein's Philosophical Anthropology, Maynooth University, Ireland (December 2018).

‘Edith Stein’s Understanding of the Soul as Form of the Body’, Paper Presentation by invitation at the International Theological Institute, Austria (October 2018).

‘The Cognition of the Human Individual’, Paper Presentation at the Hildebrand Project *Schülerkreis*, Austria (June 2018).

‘The Cognition of the Human Individual’, Paper Presentation at Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH, U.S.A. (April 2018).

‘The Cognition of the Human Individual’, Paper Presentation at Catholic University of America, DC, U.S.A. (April 2018).

‘Individuality in Stein Reading Aquinas’, Paper Presentation at the International Conference of IASPES, University of Vienna, Austria (October 2016).

‘Individuality in Stein Reading Aquinas’, Paper Presentation at the *Symposium Thomisticum*, France (May 2016).

‘Essence in Husserl and Aquinas’, Paper Presentation at International Stein Conference, University of Cologne, Germany (November 2014), occasioned by the completed publication of *Edith Stein Gesamtausgabe* (Herder).

Other Publications

‘Introduction’, to *Confidence*, by David Craig (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2020).

Scholarly Ventures

Published @ Franciscan Podcast (2020 – present). Together with Drs. Brandon Dalm and Matt Breuninger, I host a recently founded podcast interviewing Franciscan University faculty about recent publications so as to highlight the scholarly work of Franciscan faculty,

enabling faculty, students, and staff within and beyond the University to know about and better understand the research undertaken at the University.

Thomistic Philosophy and Natural Science Symposium (June 2019). Participant in ‘Novelty in Nature: Scientific and Philosophical Understanding of Flux and Change in the Natural World’, a Symposium hosted by the Thomistic Institute at the Dominican House of Studies, D.C., U.S.A.

Theology of the Body Guided Reading (2016). Design of a guided reading course by invitation for Karol Wojtyła/Pope St. John Paul II’s *Love and Responsibility* and *Man and Woman He Created Them: A Theology of the Body* for the Pope St. John Paul II Centre (*Centrum Myśli Jana Pawła II*) in Krakow, Poland.

2nd International Theology of the Body Symposium (June 2009). Member of the organizing committee of the second symposium held in Maynooth, Ireland, crafting the theme of the event, organizing speakers, coordinating speaker inputs and moderator of event.

Popular Publications

Series of short posts by invitation for www.truthandlove.com, summarizing Pope St. John Paul II’s teachings in *Love and Responsibility* and *Man and Woman He Created Them*.

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| ‘Bodily Love—A Personal Affair’ (2018). | ‘Alienation from Love’ (2018). |
| ‘Love’s Psychological Profile’ (2018). | ‘Redemption of the Body’ (2018). |
| ‘Spousal Friendship’ (2018). | ‘Virginal Meaning of the Body’ (2019). |
| ‘The Institution of Marriage’ (2018). | ‘All for the Kingdom’ (2019). |
| ‘In the Beginning’ (2018). | ‘Covenant and Grace’ (2020). |
| ‘The Human Person as Gift’ (2018). | ‘ <i>Mysterium Magnum</i> ’ (forthcoming). |

A series of short articles for the *Faith Magazine* focused on the dignity of the human person:

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| ‘The Human Person—A History’ (2016). | ‘The Human Person—Dignity’ (2017). |
| ‘The Human Person—Defined’ (2016). | |

A short post by invitations for the *Paths of Love* blog on the vocation of consecrated celibacy, ‘The Spousal Meaning of the Body and Vocation’ (2009).

Popular Presentations

‘Edith Stein’s Understanding of Human Flourishing’, Presentation by invitation at St. Saviour’s Symposium, Dominican House of Studies, Ireland (February 2020).

‘The Problem of Shame’, Panel Discussion for Philosophy on Tap, Franciscan University, Austria (November 2019).

‘The Unfolding of the Human Person’, Presentation by invitation at St. Francis Convent, IN, U.S.A. (July 2019).

‘The Unfolding of the Human Person’, Presentation by invitation at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, OH, U.S.A. (April 2019).

- ‘The Senses and the Body’, Panel Discussion for Philosophy on Tap, Franciscan University, Austria (March 2018).
- ‘The Music of the Spheres’, Presentation for Philosophy on Tap, Franciscan University, Austria (November 2016).
- ‘Human Love in the Divine Plan’, a Series of Presentations (six in total) by invitation for the Theology of the Body Symposium, England (January 2016).
- ‘The Dignity of the Human Person’, Presentation by invitation for *Evangelium*, Ireland (June 2015).
- ‘Logos—Faith and the University’, Presentation for Philosophy on Tap, Franciscan University, Austria (March 2015).
- ‘Who am I?’, Presentation by invitation for Philosophy on Tap, Franciscan University, Austria (March 2014).

OTHER PERTINENT DETAILS

Professional Awards

- Awarded Franciscan University ‘Most Outstanding Faculty Member 2019’ by Student Government based on a student body vote.

Professional Membership

- Founding Member and Current Secretary of the Aquinas Institute of Ireland.
- Advisory Editor of the *Companions to Edith Stein* Series.
- Associated Scholar of the Hildebrand Project.
- Member of the International Association for the Study of the Philosophy of Edith Stein (IASPES), and administrator of the association’s website.
- Member of the Thomas Aquinas Society of Ireland.

Other Roles

- Board Member of the Directors of Pure in Heart, an Irish Catholic Youth Movement.

Language Proficiency

- Mother Tongue: English.
- Basic Reading Proficiency: German; Latin; Greek.