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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, Saint Louis University (2018)
B.A. Honors Philosophy, Boston College (2009), *summa cum laude*

Areas of Specialization: Moral Philosophy, Bioethics
Areas of Competence: Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion

Dissertation: *Made for Each Other: A Second-Person Approach to Well-Being and Natural Law-Virtue Ethics*

Committee: Eleonore Stump (advisor), Jeffrey Bishop, Daniel Haybron, Mark Murphy

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Franciscan University of Steubenville (2022–present)

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Scranton (2020–2022)

Part-Time Faculty, Loyola Marymount University, Bioethics Institute (2020)

Postdoctoral Fellow in Clinical Ethics, University of California, Los Angeles, UCLA Health Ethics Center (2018–2020)

Instructor, Saint Louis University, Philosophy Department (2017–2018)

Robert J. Henle Research Assistant to Professor Eleonore Stump, Saint Louis University, Philosophy Department (2014–2017)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

God and Happiness. Cambridge University Press (under contract). Part of the Cambridge Elements series *The Problems of God*, edited by Michael L. Peterson.

Articles and Book Chapters

“Value Comparability in Natural Law Ethics: A Defense.” *Journal of Value Inquiry* (forthcoming).

“Value Incommensurability in Natural Law Ethics: A Clarification and Critique.” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* (forthcoming).

“The Natural Law Ethics of *Star Wars*” (with Joel Archer and Daniel Banning). In *Star Wars and Philosophy Strikes Back*. Edited by Kevin Decker and Jason Eberl, 20–29. Part of the Blackwell Philosophy and Pop Culture Series. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2023.

“A Thomistic Solution to the Deep Problem for Perfectionism” (with James Kintz). *Utilitas* 34 (2022): 461–477.

“The Ethics of Choosing a Surrogate Decision Maker When Equal-Priority Surrogates Disagree.” *Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics* 11:1 (2021): 121–131.

“Principlism’s Balancing Act: Why the Principles of Biomedical Ethics Need a Theory of the Good.” *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 45:4-5 (2020): 441–470.

“Forty Years of the Four Principles: Enduring Themes from Beauchamp and Childress.” *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 45:4-5 (2020): 387–395.

“The Quality of Life is Not Strained: Disability, Human Nature, Well-Being, and Relationships.” *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* 29:4 (2019): 333–366.

“Human Nature and Moral Status in Bioethics.” *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 43 (2018): 115–131.

“Aquinas on God-Sanctioned Stealing.” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 92:2 (2018): 277–293.

“God, Evil, and Occasionalism” (with C.P. Ragland). *Religious Studies* 54 (2018): 265–283.

“A Natural Fit: Natural Law Theory, Virtue Epistemology, and the Value of Knowledge.” *Journal of Philosophical Research* 42 (2017): 45–63.

“Thomistic Eudaimonism, Virtue, and Well-Being.” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 33:1 (2017): 173–185.

Edited Volumes

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Principles of Biomedical Ethics: Essays in Honor of Tom Beauchamp and James Childress. Editor with Jeffrey P. Bishop. Special double-issue of *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 45:4-5 (2020).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Franciscan University of Steubenville, Philosophy Department, *Primary Instructor*

- Philosophy of the Human Person (Fall 2022, Spring 2023)
- Foundations of Ethics (Fall 2022)
- Epistemology (upper level) (Spring 2023)
- Natural Law Ethics (graduate level independent study) (Spring 2023)

University of Scranton, Philosophy Department, *Primary Instructor*

- Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2021)
- Ethics (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022)
- Medical Ethics (upper level) (Fall 2020, Fall 2021)
- Epistemology (upper level) (Spring 2021)
- Advanced Topics in Biomedical Ethics: The Value of Life (upper level) (Spring 2022)
- Disability Bioethics (honors tutorial) (Spring 2021)

Loyola Marymount University, Masters of Bioethics Program, *Primary Instructor*

- Bioethics at the End of Life (graduate level) (Spring 2020)

UCLA, Fielding School of Public Health, *Primary Instructor*

- Happiness: What Is It and How Should We Pursue It? (with Robert Kim-Farley, MD, MPH) (Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2022)

UCLA, David Geffen School of Medicine, *Lecturer*

- Ethics Core Curriculum (Fall 2019)

UCLA Health System, *Lecturer*

- Pediatric Neurology Fellowship Program: Ethics Core Curriculum (Spring 2020)
- Geriatrics Residency Program: Decision-Making Capacity (Spring 2019–Spring 2020)
- Rehabilitation Medicine Program: Health Care Ethics (Fall 2019–Spring 2020)
- Pediatrics Fellowship Program: Ethics Core Curriculum (Fall 2019)
- Ethics Journal Club (Spring 2019–Spring 2020)

Saint Louis University, Philosophy Department, *Primary Instructor*

- Introduction to Philosophy (Summer 2017)

- Ethics (Fall 2017)
- Medical Ethics (upper level) (Spring 2018)

Saint Sebastian's School, *Primary Instructor*

- Western Philosophy (12th grade) (2010–2013)
- Christian Ethics (11th grade) (2010–2013)
- Introduction to Catholicism (7th grade) (2010–2013)

Boston College, Philosophy Department, *Teaching Assistant*

- Perspectives on Western Culture (Professor Brian Braman) (Fall 2008, Spring 2009)

CLINICAL ETHICS EXPERIENCE

University of Pittsburgh, Center for Bioethics & Health Law (2022–present)

- Faculty, Consortium Ethics Program

Geisinger Health System (2020–2022)

- Ethics Committee Member: Geisinger Community Medical Center (Scranton, PA)

UCLA Health System (2018–2020)

- Clinical Ethics Consultant: 387 ethics case consults
- Ethics Committee Member: Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center, Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital (Los Angeles, CA)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“A Thomistic Solution to the Deep Problem for Perfectionism” (with James Kintz)
2023 American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting. Denver, CO.

“Natural Law Ethics and the Value of the Human Person”
2022 American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

“The Self is Made for the Other: A Second-Personal Account of Human Nature”
2022 National Taiwan University and University of Scranton Joint International Conference. Scranton, PA.

“Value Incommensurability and Comparability in Natural Law Ethics”
2022 American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting. Chicago, IL.

“The Human Person and Human Flourishing: Aristotle, Augustine, Aquinas, and Contemporary Psychology”
2021 American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting. Saint Louis, MO.

- “The Primacy of Relationships for Well-Being”
2021 Society of Christian Philosophers Midwest Regional Meeting. Virtual Conference.
2021 American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting. Virtual Conference.
- “The ‘Ethics’ of Clinical Ethics”
2021 Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Conference. Virtual Conference.
- “Justice for the Most Vulnerable: The Appropriate Ethical Standard for Life-and-Death Decisions for Unrepresented Patients”
2020 American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference.
- “The Sliding Scale of Decision-Making Capacity: Its Meaning and Moral Significance”
2020 American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference.
- “Disability, Human Flourishing, and Second-Person Relationships” (with Audra Goodnight)
2020 3rd Biennial Philosophy of Disability Conference. UNC, Asheville. Asheville, NC.
- “Well-Being and Personal Relationships in Medical Ethics and Clinical Health Care”
2020 Carol Carfang Nursing and Healthcare Ethics Conference. Hosted by Duquesne University. Clearwater Beach, FL.
2019 International Congress on Law and Mental Health. Rome, Italy.
- Poster Presentation on “Personal Presence and Positive Relationships in Nursing Ethics”
2019 National Nursing Ethics Conference. UCLA. Los Angeles, CA.
- “Disabled Human Flourishing”
2019 American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting. Denver, CO.
- “A Relationship-Centered Account of The Good Life”
2018 American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting. San Diego, CA.
- “Natural Goodness is Good for You: Well-Being and the Rational Authority of Human Nature”
2018 American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting. Savannah, GA.
2017 Eudaimonia Conference. Hosted by the Eudaimonia Institute at Wake Forest University. Winston-Salem, NC.
- “Intuitionism, Conflicts of Duties, and Practical Wisdom”
2018 Midsouth Philosophy Conference. Rhodes College. Memphis, TN.
2017 Felician Ethics Conference. Hosted by the Felician Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs at Felician University. Rutherford, NJ.
- “Religious Experience and Alternative Possibilities Skepticism”
2017 Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting. Providence, RI.
2017 Kansas Philosophical Society Meeting. University of Kansas. Lawrence, KS.

“Divine Concurrence and Evil”

2016 Special Divine Action Symposium at the American Academy of Religion Meeting.
Part of the Special Divine Action Project hosted by the Ian Ramsey Centre for
Science and Religion at the University of Oxford. San Antonio, TX.

2016 Society of Christian Philosophers Midwest Regional Meeting. Evangel University.
Springfield, MO.

“Thomistic Eudaimonism”

2016 Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting. Corpus Christi, TX.

2016 Society of Christian Philosophers Eastern Regional Meeting. Rutgers University.
New Brunswick, NJ.

INVITED LECTURES, PANEL DISCUSSIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

“Respect for Persons: Autonomy and Informed Consent, Privacy and Confidentiality.” Annual
Bioethics Boot Camp: An Intensive Introduction to Healthcare Ethics, sponsored by the
Consortium Ethics Program at the University of Pittsburgh’s Center for Bioethics &
Health Law. Robert Morris University, PA. January 2023.

Response to David McPherson’s “Spiritual Alienation: What Is It? How Can It Be Overcome?”
Annual Father Joseph Koterski, SJ Lecture, sponsored by Philosophers in Jesuit
Education. American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
November 2022.

Panel discussion on “The Nature and Value of the Human Person,” with James Kintz and
Christopher Hauser. American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting. New
Orleans, LA. October 2022.

“Disability and Quality of Life.” Invited lecture for Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) students at
UCLA School of Nursing. Los Angeles, CA. October 2022.

“Catholic Bioethics: *Donum Vitae* and *Dignitas Personae*.” Invited lecture for undergraduate
students at Franciscan University. Steubenville, OH. October 2022.

“Racial Justice in Biomedical Ethics,” with Makida Seward. Invited presentation for the Teach-
In for Racial Justice sponsored by the Ellacuría Initiative at the University of Scranton.
Scranton, PA. March 2022.

Panel discussion on “Human Nature, Love, and Agency,” with James Kintz and Daniel De Haan.
American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting. Saint Louis, MO. November
2021.

“Quality of Life, Disability, and Vulnerability.” Invited lecture for Doctor of Nursing Practice
(DNP) students at UCLA School of Nursing. Los Angeles, CA. October 2021.

“A Relationship-Centered Account of the Good Life.” Invited presentation for the Philosophy Society student club at the University of Scranton. Scranton, PA. October 2021.

“A Crash Course in Medical Ethics.” Invited presentation for the Health Professions Organization student club at the University of Scranton. Scranton, PA. May 2021.

“What is the Appropriate Ethical Standard for End-of-Life Decisions for Unrepresented Patients?” Invited Ethics Education Series lecture for the clinical ethics group at Beaumont Health System. Royal Oak, MI. April 2021.

Response to Therese Lysaught’s “The Spirit of Revolutionary Change: Catholic Social Thought and the Transformation of Catholic Bioethics.” Annual Bessette Lecture on Medical Ethics, sponsored by the McGowan Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility at King’s College, Wilkes-Barre, PA. February 2021.

“Quality of Life, Disability, Vulnerability, and the Virtuous Nurse.” Invited lecture for Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) students at UCLA School of Nursing. Los Angeles, CA. October 2020.

Panel discussion on “Being Competent about Capacity: Ethics Expertise and Capacity Evaluation,” with James Hynds, Joseph Raho, and Allison McCarthy. American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Meeting. Virtual Conference. October 2020.

“Quality of Life, Disability, and Vulnerability.” Invited lecture for Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) students at UCLA School of Nursing. Los Angeles, CA. November 2019.

Panel discussion on “Thomistic Flourishing: A Second-Person Approach,” with James Kintz and Andrew Pinsent. American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting. San Diego, CA. November 2018.

“The Quality of Life is Not Strained: Disability, Human Nature, and Quality of Life.” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting, Early Career Advisor Program Workshop. Anaheim, CA. October 2018.

Arete Initiative Medical Ethics Summer Seminar. Hosted by the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University. Durham, NC. June 2018.

Panel discussion on “The Question of Ethics in Politics,” with Ruth Groff, Wynne Moskop, and Richard Quirk. Sponsored by the Political Science Club at Saint Louis University. Saint Louis, MO. November 2017.

PRESENTED COMMENTS

“Comments on Jeu-Jenq Yuann’s ‘An Interpretation of “Ren” in the Spreading of the Covid-19 Pandemic in China.’” 2022 Joint Symposium of National Taiwan University and University of Scranton on the theme “Self and Other.” Scranton, PA.

“Comments on J. Reese Faust’s ‘Narrative and Affect: A Moral Psychology of Collective Responsibility.’” 2018 Midsouth Philosophy Conference. Rhodes College. Memphis, TN.

“Comments on James Cain’s ‘Free Will, Resiliency, and the Flip-Flopping Argument.’” 2017 Central States Philosophical Association Meeting. Washington University. St. Louis, MO.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Ethics, UCLA Health Ethics Center (2018–2020)

Distinguished Dissertation Award Honorable Mention, Saint Louis University College of Arts and Sciences (2019)

Collins Award for Graduate Student Excellence, Saint Louis University Philosophy Department (2017)

Saint Louis University Teaching Assistantship (2017–2018)

Saint Louis University Research Assistantship (2013–2017)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Faculty member of the Consortium Ethics Program at the University of Pittsburgh’s Center for Bioethics & Health Law (2022–present)

Speaker for the Thomistic Institute campus lecture series (2022–present)

Editorial Advisory Board for *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* (2021–present)

Co-Chair of Philosophy of Medicine Affinity Group, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (2020–2022)

Reviewer for:

Journal of Medicine and Philosophy (2018–2022, 10x)

Philosophical Studies (2022)

Medicine and Religion Conference (2018–2021, 4x)

Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics (2022)

Cambridge University Press Cambridge Elements series (2021)
Religious Studies (2020, 2x)

Organizer of Satellite Session on “The Nature and Value of the Human Person,” panel discussion with James Kintz and Christopher Hauser, American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA (2022)

Co-Founder and Co-Organizer of the annual lecture series “The Humanities and Healthcare: Medicine as a Moral and Spiritual Enterprise,” sponsored by the Slattery Center for Humanities at the University of Scranton. Featuring keynote speaker Katherine Brown-Saltzman (2021)
Committee Member, MindWell Division of the Semel Healthy Campus Initiative at UCLA (2018–2020)

Organizer of Satellite Session on “Thomistic Flourishing: A Second-Person Approach,” panel discussion with James Kintz and Andrew Pinsent, American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting, San Diego, CA (2018)

Graduate Affiliate with the Happiness and Well-Being Project at Saint Louis University (directed by Dan Haybron) (2017–2018)

Webmaster for Philosophers in Jesuit Education (2014–2017)

Co-Organizer of Saint Louis University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference on Free Will and Moral Responsibility. Keynote speakers John Heil and Pamela Hieronymi (2016)

Vice-President of Saint Louis University Philosophy Graduate Student Association (2015–2016)

Session Chair at the Saint Louis University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference (2015)

Assistant with the Intellectual Humility Project at Saint Louis University (directed by Eleonore Stump and John Greco) (2014–2015)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Philosophical Association
American Catholic Philosophical Association
Society of Christian Philosophers
Philosophers in Jesuit Education
American Society for Bioethics and Humanities