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Associate Professor at Franciscan University of Steubenville; Associate Series Editor of *Edith Stein Studies*; Founding Member and Secretary of the Aquinas Institute of Ireland; Associate Scholar of the Hildebrand Project; Tutor at the Maryvale Institute.

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.

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. (Spring, 2014 – present)

Associate Professor of Philosophy at Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH, USA, responsible for teaching a broad range of undergraduate and graduate courses in philosophy (and also for the theology and classics departments), supervising students in their undergraduate and graduate theses, and committee work related to the academic life of the university. Undergraduate Courses: *Introduction to Metaphysics, Foundations of Ethics, Philosophy of the Human Person, Ancient Greek Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, Thomistic Tradition in Philosophy, Honors: Classical Antiquity, Honors: The Renaissance, The Theology of the Body, Christian Marriage, Christian Moral Principles*, and *Foundations of Catholicism*; Graduate Courses: *A Thomistic Metaphysics of Creation, The Thought of Edith Stein, Being a Person: Aquinas, Stein, Wojtyła; Philosophical Texts: Texts of Edith Stein*, and *Philosophical Texts: Phenomenology*. Most of these courses are comprised of readings taken from the original texts of the masters of the Western tradition, and many are centered around the texts of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Maryvale Institute, England (2017 – present)

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

International Theological Institute, Austria (2018 – 2020)

Tutor 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 class groups.

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

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.

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.

WBT Systems, Ireland (2005)

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

Ballyfermot College of Further Education (2003 – 2004)

Teacher responsible for Physics, Applied Mathematics, Mathematics for Computing, and Introduction to Computing modules for BCFE's Preliminary Engineering course (run in conjunction with Dublin Institute of Technology) and Computer Applications course.

St. Mary's College, Galway; Synge St. CBS, Dublin; and St. Finbar's, Dublin (2003 – 2004)

Substitute Teacher responsible for Physics, Mathematics, and Science classes in St. Mary's College, Applied Mathematics for pre-leaving certificate students at Synge St. CBS, and Mathematics and Computing for St. Finbar's High School, Dublin.

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

Books

Edith Stein's Personalism: A Synthesis of Thomism and Phenomenology, (Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2023).

Academic 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 Lebeck (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.

Academic Articles [in process]

‘The Significance of Personal Subjectivity: Toward a Fully Objective Understanding of the Person’.

‘The Radical Relation of Creature and Creator: A Thomistic and Steinian Account’.

‘A Phenomenology of Marital Tenderness in Wojtyła, Interpreted by a Steinian Account of Empathy’.

Editorial Board

Associate Series Editor of the recently established *Edith Stein Studies* to be published by Lexington Press. *Edith Stein Studies* publishes high quality research into Edith Stein’s thought, its historical importance and contemporary relevance.

Book Reviews

The Living Philosophy of Edith Stein, by Peter Tyler (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2023) in *The Review of Metaphysics* (2023).

The Oxford Handbook of the Reception of Aquinas, ed. by Matthew Levering and Marcus Plested (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021) in *Journal of Jesuit Studies*, 10.1 (2023), pp. 166-8.

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.

European Sources of Human Dignity: A Commented Anthology and *On the Problem of Human Dignity*, by Mette Lebeck (Bern: Peter Lang, 2019; Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann, 2011).

Translation [in process]

Edith Stein, *Der Aufbau der menschlichen Person* [*The Structure of the Human Person*], by request of the Series Editor of the *Collected Works of Edith Stein* (Institute of Carmelite Studies, Washington, DC).

Academic Presentations

‘Edith Stein—Doctor of the Church?’, Presentation by invitation for ongoing development of faculty at Maryvale Institute, Birmingham, England (September 2023)

‘The Natural Greatness of the Human Body?’, *Communique* by invitation for the Truth and Love Conference, an annual event of Franciscan University, Gaming, Austria (September 2023)

‘Creation as Relation – A Metaphysical and Phenomenological Reflection’, Presentation by invitation at the Hildebrand Project Associate Scholars Meeting, OH, U.S.A. (July 2022).

‘Confidence in God’, ‘Exemplars of Conversion’, Panel Input by invitation at the Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar, OH, U.S.A. (July 2022).

- ‘Anscombe on Usury’, Presentation by invitation at joint New Polity and Hildebrand Project Colloquium, OH, U.S.A. (2022).
- ‘Empathic Tenderness in Wojtyła and Stein’ and ‘Thomistic Personalism’, Presentation by invitation at the Hildebrand Project Summer Seminar, OH, U.S.A. (July 2021).
- ‘Embodiment and Counselling’, Presentation by invitation for the colloquium Counseling the Whole Person: Reunifying Psychology, Philosophy, and Theology, OH, U.S.A. (June 2021).
- ‘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).

Associated Academic Ventures

Published at Franciscan Podcast (2020 – present). Podcast hosting, with Drs. Brandon Dalm and Matt Breuninger, interviewing Franciscan University faculty about recent publications to highlight the scholarly work of Franciscan faculty, enabling faculty, students, and staff within and beyond the University to know about research undertaken at the University.

The Glory of the Logos in the Flesh (2021). Panelist at a book launch hosted by Franciscan University for Michael Waldstein’s *Glory of the Logos in the Flesh*, which provides an overview of Pope St. John

Paul II's *Theology of the Body* in addition to extensive analysis and evaluation of the primary sources and issues surrounding the *Theology of the Body*.

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

A short article on the significance of education for the International Theological Institute's *Consortio* Newsletter.

'Reflecting on Education with St. Teresia Benedicta a Cruce'.

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*.

'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).

'Marriage: Covenant and Grace' (2020).

'The Human Person as Gift' (2018).

'Marriage: The Great Sign' (2021).

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

'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

'The Nature of Faith', Presentation by invitation for Net Ministries, Ireland (July 2023).

'Philosophy as Life', Panel Input for Philosophy on Tap, Franciscan University, Austria (June 2023).

'Parenthood in the Flesh', Presentation by invitation for Franciscan University's Pro-Life Society (April 2022).

'The Feminine Genius', Presentation by invitation for Franciscan University's Gift of Human Sexuality Symposium' (September 2021).

'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).
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AWARD, MEMBERSHIP, AND LANGUAGES

Professional Awards

- Franciscan University ‘Excellence in Teaching Award’ for 2021, awarded by the President, Trustees, and Faculty of the University.
- Franciscan University ‘Most Outstanding Faculty Member 2019,’ awarded by Student Government based on a vote of the Student Body.

Professional Membership

- Founding Member and Current Secretary of the Aquinas Institute of Ireland.
- Associate Series 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).
- Member of the American Catholic Philosophical Association.
- Member of the Thomas Aquinas Society of Ireland.

Language Proficiency

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