

Matthew D. Walz, *curriculum vitae*

Education

M.B.A., University of Dallas, Gupta College of Business, 2019

Capstone project: "The Bishop Lynch High School House System"

Capstone professor: Prof. Scott Wysong, Ph.D.

Ph.D., Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, School of Philosophy, 2003

Dissertation title: "Thomas Aquinas on the Human Will and Freedom: Toward a Scientific Understanding"

Dissertation advisor: Msgr. John Wippel, Ph.D.

M.A., Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, School of Philosophy, 1998

B.A., Theology and Philosophy [double major], valedictorian, Christendom College, 1995

Academic Appointments

The Thomas More College of the Liberal Arts

St. John Henry Newman Visiting Chair of Catholic Studies, 2025–26

President and Fellow (*beginning September 2026*)

University of Dallas

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2013–2026

Associate Dean, Constantin College of Liberal Arts, 2022–2024

Chair, Department of Philosophy, 2016–2019, 2021–22

Tenured, 2011

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2008–2013

Director, Philosophy & Letters and Pre-Theology Programs, 2012–2026

Holy Trinity Seminary

Director of Intellectual Formation, 2012–Present

Augustine Institute

Visiting Professor of Philosophy, 2025–26

Thomas Aquinas College

Tutor, 2000–2008

Permanently appointed, 2005

The Catholic University of America

Lecturer, 1998–2000

Fellowships/Awards/Grants

Senior Fellow, Boethius Institute for the Advancement of Liberal Education, 2023–Present
Senior Fellow, Albertus Magnus Institute, 2020–Present
Haggar Scholar Summer Research Grant, University of Dallas, 2011, 2013, 2018, 2019, 2021
Michael A. Haggar Fellow, University of Dallas, 2016
Class of 1988 Alumni Faculty Development Award, University of Dallas, Fall 2015
McAllister Scholar, The Catholic University of America, School of Philosophy, 1999
Salvatori Fellow, Heritage Foundation, 1999
Research Assistant, Alfred Miller, Ph.D., The Catholic University of America, 1998–1999
Richard M. Weaver Fellow, Intercollegiate Studies Institute, 1998
Research Assistant, Timothy Noone, Ph.D., The Catholic University of America, 1997–1998
Johannes Quasten Fellow, The Catholic University of America, School of Philosophy, 1995–1998

Courses taught

The Catholic University of America

PHIL 202: The Modern Mind
PHIL 201: The Classical Mind

Thomas Aquinas College [two–semester courses]

SEM IV: Senior Seminar
PHIL III: Junior Philosophy
SEM III: Junior Seminar
THEO II: Sophomore Theology
PHIL II: Sophomore Philosophy
SEM II: Sophomore Seminar
THEO I: Freshman Theology
PHIL I: Freshman Philosophy
SEM I: Freshman Seminar
MATH I: Freshman Mathematics
LAB I: Freshman Laboratory
LANG I: Freshman Language

University of Dallas

IPS 8326: Augustine and Aquinas [2x: S10, S22]
PHI 6335: Aquinas’s Anthropology [2x: F18, F24]
PHI 6331: Bonaventure [F12]
PHI 6331: Metaphysical Texts of Thomas Aquinas [S14]
PHI 6322: Anselm [3x: F11, S15, S20]
PHI 6320: Plotinus [S12]
PHI 4360: DR/Aquinas on Man [S10]

- PHI 4360: DR/Aquinas on the One God [F09]
PHI 4351: The Thought of John Paul II [6x: S19, S21, S22, S23, S24, S25]
PHI 4341: Senior Seminar [2x: F09, F20]
PHI 4338: Philosophy of Religion [2x: S13, F17]
PHI 4337: Philosophy of God [7x: F08, F09, F10, F11, F13, S15, S18]
PHI 4141: Senior Thesis [2x: S10, S21]
PHI 3351: Junior Seminar [S11]
PHI 3346: Contemporary Philosophical Approaches [F19]
PHI 3339: Logic [F21]
PHI 3326: Medieval Philosophy [S09]
PHI 3311: Philosophy of Being [21x: Sum09, F09, Int10, S10, May10, F10, Int11, S11, Sum11, Int12, May12, Int13, May13, Int14, May14, Int15, Int16, Int17, Int18, Int20, May22]
PHI 2323: Human Person [6x: May17, Sum19(R), Sum20, Sum21(R), Int24, May25]
PHI 1301: Philosophy and the Ethical Life [4x: F08, S09, F11, S12]
PHL 4342: Senior Thesis [13x: S13, S14, S15, S16, S17, S18, S19, S20, S21, S22, S23, S24, S25]
PHL 4341: Senior Seminar [13x: F12, F13, F14, F15, F16, F17, F18, F19, F20, F21, F22, F23, F24]
PHL 3105: Logic [2x: S13, S14]
PHL 3305: Logic [F14]
PHL 3305: Logic and Nature [3x: F16, F18, F21]
PHL 3306: Nature and Knowledge [2x: S17, S19]
PHL 1381: Foundations of Pastoral Formation I [F23]
PHL 1382: Foundations of Pastoral Formation II [S24]
PHL 1391: Foundations of Human and Spiritual Formation I [F23]
PHL 1392: Foundations of Human and Spiritual Formation II [S24]
PHL 1301: Catholicism I – Profession of Faith and Celebration of the Christian Mystery [F24]
PHL 1302: Catholicism II – Life in Christ and Christian Prayer [2x: S24, S25]

Augustine Institute

- CEDU 502: Christian Anthropology [Sum25]
CEDU 581: The Virtuous Teacher [F25 (co-taught)]
CEDU 582: The Teacher as Witness [S26 (co-taught)]
CEDU 601: Trivium [F25]
CEDU 602: Quadrivium [S26 (co-taught)]
PHIL 721: Karol Wojtyła's *Love and Responsibility* [S26]

The Thomas More College of the Liberal Arts

- TUTORIAL 570: The Thought of John Paul II [S26]
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M.A. and Ph.D. Advising

Doctoral dissertations

Director

Kari Brooks, “Man and Metaphor: An Augustinian Response to Hobbes, Nietzsche, and Rorty on the Epistemological Value of Metaphor,” defended Spring 2025

James Berquist, “To Discover, Communicate, and Defend the Truth: A Thomistic Response to the New Natural Law Theory,” defended Summer 2024

Kimberly Heil, “Augustine’s *De beata vita*: A Work of Christian Philosophy,” defended Summer 2021

Matthew Wilde, “A Gift and Receptivity: Reciprocity in Human Love” [*expected Spring 2026*]

Patrick Gordon, “Aquinas’s Philosophy of Love and the Natural Law” [*in progress*]

Reader

Zachary Meckley, “The ‘Unique effort’ of Gerard Manley Hopkins: Transcending the Disintegrated Cosmos of Victorian Poetry,” defended Fall 2024

Pavel Jiménez Vázquez, “From Mathematics to Metaphysics: Aristotle’s Review of Platonism in the *Metaphysics*,” defended Spring 2024

Jordan Matteoli, “Albert the Great’s *On Universals*, Treatises I–IV: An Introduction and Translation,” defended Fall 2022

Francis Fast, “Thomas Aquinas’s *Sententia libri Politicorum*: Translation with Commentary,” defended Summer 2021

Basil Burns, “Thomas Aquinas’s Philosophy of Love,” defended Spring 2013

Master’s theses

Director

Maximilian Greve, M.Hum., “Loss of Leisure in Learning and Implications for the Economic Changes Facing Our Western Civilization,” completed Spring 2019

Joshua Brotherton, M.A. in Philosophy, “A Solution to the Problem of Universal Causality and Divine Foreknowledge,” completed Fall 2010

Reader

John Paul Thureau, Jr., M.Hum., “The Relationship between Physics and Mathematics in Thomas Aquinas’s *Division and Methods of the Sciences*,” completed Spring 2021

Thomas Spooner, M.A. in Philosophy, “The Threshold of Metaphysics: A Comparison of Wittgenstein and Aquinas on Language,” completed Spring 2015

John Loving, M.A. in Philosophy, “The Influence of Gregory of Nyssa’s *De hominis opificio* on the Anthropology of John Scotus Eriugena,” completed Spring 2014

Anthony Antunes, M.A. in Philosophy, “The ‘Old Quarrel’: The Critique of Poetry in Plato’s *Republic*,” completed Summer 2012

Scholarship

Dissertation

Thomas Aquinas on the Human Will and Freedom: Toward a Scientific Understanding (Ann Arbor: UMI, 2003).

Book translation

Anselm of Canterbury, *Proslogion (including Gaunilo's objections and Anselm's reply)*, translated and introduced by Matthew D. Walz (South Bend: St. Augustine's Press, 2013).

Peer-reviewed articles

1. "Benedict XVI, Doctor of Reason," *FORMA* 2024, <https://circeinstitute.org/blog/benedict-xvi-the-doctor-of-reason/>.
2. "A 'Kingdom of Friends': Personal Dimensions of Aquinas's Moral World," *The Aquinas Review* 25 (2022): 59-76.
3. "Study, Truth, and Personal Formation: Reflections on John Paul II's *Pastores dabo vobis*," *International Journal of Christianity and Education* 25 (2021): 277-89.
4. "Toward a Causal Account of Priestly Formation: A Reading of *Pastores dabo vobis*," *Homiletic and Pastoral Review* (January 28, 2021, <https://www.hprweb.com/2021/01/toward-a-causal-account-of-priestly-formation/>).
5. "Education as Intellectual Healing: Pedagogical Dimension of Boethius's *Consolation of Philosophy*," in: *Liberal Arts and Core Texts in the World of Our Students*, ed. G. Camp (The ACTC Liberal Arts Institute, 2021), 33-37.
6. "From Monasticism to Scholasticism: Reflections on Anselm and Aquinas," in: *The Arts and Sciences of a Core Text Education: What Are They? Why Do We Need Them?*, ed. S. Ashmot and K. Tom (The ACTC Liberal Arts Institute, 2021), 45-49.
7. "At the Heart of Atheism: Aquinas on the Two Basic Objections to a God's Existence," in: *Bridging Divides, Crossing Borders, Community Building: The Human Voice in Core Texts and the Liberal Arts*, eds. T. Hoang and D. Nuckols (The ACTC Liberal Arts Institute, 2021), 139-44.
8. "Death by Incarnation," *Logos* 23 (2020): 19-35.
9. "Synthesizing Aquinas and Newman on Religion," *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 86 (2019): 173-98.
10. "Boethius, Christianity, and the Limits of Stoicism," *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 45 (2018), 407-25.
11. "Augustine's Modification of Liberal Education: Reflections on *De doctrina Christiana*," *Arts of Liberty* 1 (2013): 51-97.
12. "Stoicism as Anesthesia: Philosophy's 'Gentler Remedies' in Boethius's *Consolation*," *International Philosophical Quarterly* 51 (2011): 501-19.
13. "An Erotic Pattern of Thinking in Anselm's *Proslogion*," *Quaestiones Disputatae* 2 (2011): 126-45.

14. "The 'Logic' of Faith Seeking Understanding: A Propaedeutic for Anselm's *Proslogion*," *Dionysius* 28 (2010): 131–66.
15. "The Opening of *On Interpretation*: Toward a More Literal Reading," *Phronesis* 51 (2006): 230–51.
16. "What is a Power of the Soul? Aquinas's Answer," *Sapientia* 60 (2006): 319–48.
17. "Theological and Philosophical Dependencies in Bonaventure's Argument Against an Eternal World," *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 97 (1998): 75–98.

Invited chapters in books

1. "Overcoming the Limits of Identity Politics: Religion and Manners as Dispositive for Social Justice," in: "Vielfalt, Gleichstellung und Inklusion" im Licht der katholischen Soziallehre (Berlin: Duncker & Humblot, 2023), 137-52.
2. Foreword, Wayne Hankey, *Aquinas's Neoplatonism in the Summa theologiae on God: A Short Introduction* (South Bend: St. Augustine's Press, 2019).
3. "Boethius and Stoicism," in: *The Routledge Handbook of the Stoic Tradition*, ed. J. Sellars (London: Routledge, 2016): 70–84.

Book reviews

1. Review of P. Kreeft, *Summa Philosophica* (South Bend: St. Augustine's Press, 2012), in: *Review of Metaphysics* 67 (2013): 171–73.
2. Review of K. Pritzl (ed.), *Truth: Studies of a Robust Presence* (Washington: The Catholic University of America Press, 2009), in: *Quaestiones Disputatae* 1 (2011): 288–301.
3. Review of S. Visser and T. Williams, *Anselm* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009), in: *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 84 (2010): 837–41.
4. Review of A. Mele, *Motivation and Agency* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003), in: *Review of Metaphysics* 57 (2004): 856–58.

Additional publications

1. "Educating Maria," *Simply Classical Journal* (Summer 2021; https://issuu.com/memoriapress/docs/simply_classical_journal_summer_2021_for_issuu_red).
2. "Teaching on COVID Time," *Crisis* online (April 2, 2020, <https://www.crisismagazine.com/2020/teaching-on-covid-time>).
3. "Why Not Classical Education?" *America*, vol. 222, no. 6 (March 16, 2020, shortened online version: <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/02/27/classical-education-counter-cultural-its-time-bring-it-back>).

Works in progress

- "Looking on Prudence Bare: Reflections on Boethius's *Consolation*" [article, under review]
"Toward a Eucharistic Ethic" [article, under review]
"Education in Three Dimensions: Natural, Personal, Misericordial" [article]
"Toward a Well-Grounded Understanding of Liberal Thinking" [article]
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Aquinas on Nature, Being, and Life [volume of translations: Thomas Aquinas's *De principiis naturae*, *De motu cordis*, and *De ente et essentia*, with introduction and notes; accepted conditionally by St. Augustine's Press; completing introduction and notes]

Man and Woman He Brought Them Forth: God as Creator, Artist, and Moral Agent [monograph with relevant translations]

Lectures and conference papers

1. "Education in Three Dimensions: Natural, Personal, Misericordial," lecture, Thomas More College (February 13, 2026)
2. "At the Heart of Sexual Ethics: Reflections on Aquinas and Wojtyla," lecture, Thomas Aquinas College (CA) (November 7, 2025)
3. "'The Lord God ... breathed into his face the breath of life': Aquinas on God's Original Creation of the Human Soul," lecture, Thomas More College (October 3, 2025)
4. "Matrimony and Family at the Heart of Catholic Social Teaching: Reflections on Leo XIII's *Arcanum Divinae*," lecture, Pope St. John Paul II Conference on Popes Leo XIII and Leo XIV, University of Dallas (October 30, 2025)
5. "Images of Him Who Knows What He's About," Convocation Address, Thomas More College (September 12, 2025)
6. "Karol Wojtyla, Prudent Householder," lecture, Boethius Institute Senior Fellows Invitational, Augustine Institute (August 4, 2025)
7. "At the Heart of Sexual Ethics: Reflections on Aquinas and Wojtyla," Lecture on the Feast of St. Thomas, University of Dallas (January 28, 2025)
8. "At the Heart of Human Labor: Wojtylan Reflections," presentation, Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Annual Convention, Washington, D.C. (September 28, 2024)
9. "Three-Dimensional Education: Natural, Personal, Misericordial," plenary address, DFW Home Educators Conference, University of Dallas (June 29, 2024)
10. "Cultivating a Eucharistic Imagination, Toward a Multidisciplinary Approach to the Eucharist," presentation, Eucharistic Symposium: "Serving the Eucharistic Lord," Augustine Institute (June 4, 2024)
11. "At the Heart of Sexual Ethics: Reflections on Aquinas and Wojtyla," invited lecture, Thomas More College (April 26, 2024)
12. "Becoming Friends with an 'Entitled' Man," presentation, Thomistic Institute panel: "Aquinas After 750 Years," University of Dallas (April 17, 2024)
13. "'The Revenge of Conscience': Where the Life Issues Reside," presentation, University of Dallas LifeFest faculty panel: "Contraception: Abortion's Cause or Cure?" (April 2, 2024)
14. "What is the Meaning of Suffering?" Hippocratic Forum conversations, University of Dallas (February 15 & March 7, 2024)
15. "Benedict XVI: Doctor of Reason," lecture, CiRCE Institute Symposium (January 17, 2024)
16. "The Moral Life in All Its Dimensions," Dumb Ox Discussion presentation, University of

- Dallas (November 29, 2023)
17. “The Fulfillment of All Eating,” *Adoro Te* Lecture Series, University of Dallas (September 29, 2023)
 18. “Looking on Prudence Bare: Reflections on Boethius’s *Consolation of Philosophy*,” lecture, Boethius Fellows Symposium at the Augustine Institute (August 7, 2023)
 19. “Luminous and Deep, Containing the Whole Tragedy of Human Existence,” lecture for “Music of Mozart: In Memory of Pope Benedict XVI,” University of Dallas (April 27, 2023)
 20. “Benedict XVI: Doctor of Reason,” panel presentation, “Why Benedict XVI Matters,” sponsored by the Dallas Forum at the University of Dallas (April 17, 2023)
 21. “The New Evangelization,” Dumb Ox Discussion presentation, University of Dallas (March 29, 2023)
 22. “What is the Meaning of Suffering?” Hippocratic Forum conversations, University of Dallas (March 2 & 9, 2023)
 23. Response to David Walsh’s “Person Means Relation,” Aquinas Lecture, University of Dallas (January 26, 2023)
 24. “Reflections on Athanasius’s *On the Incarnation*,” Albertus Magnus Institute webinar (December 6, 2022)
 25. “Three-Dimensional Education and Formation: Natural, Personal, Misericordial,” plenary address, Cistercian Preparatory School faculty retreat (August 12, 2022)
 26. “*Quid est homo?* A Philosophical Approach,” Symposium for Life, sponsored by the University of Dallas Crusaders for Life, panel presentation (April 23, 2022)
 27. “Friendship,” Dumb Ox Discussion presentation, University of Dallas (April 12, 2022)
 28. “Death by Incarnation: A Mediation in Preparation for the Triduum,” Anscombe Society lecture, University of Dallas (April 11, 2022)
 29. “Metaphysical Freedom,” Phi Beta Kappa undergraduate conference panel, University of Dallas (April 9, 2022)
 30. “Evil and God’s Existence: Aquinas’s Hope-Filled Response,” Virtual EnCore Lecture, University of Dallas online event (May 4, 2020)
 31. “The Role of Study (*Studium*) in Formation: Guidance from John Paul II’s *Pastores dabo vobis*,” 2019 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture: The Character of the University, Waco, TX (October 17, 2019)
 32. “Evil and God’s Existence: Aquinas’s Hope-filled Response,” Association for Core Texts and Courses conference, Santa Fe, NM (April 12, 2019)
 33. “Death by Incarnation—and the Death of Death by Resurrection,” Christian Spirituality Program, University of Dallas, Dallas, TX (April 12, 2018)
 34. “Why the World is Not Enough: Aquinas’s Nuanced Reply to Naturalism,” Association for Core Texts and Courses conference, Framingham, MA (April 20, 2018)
 35. “Toward a Causal Account of Priestly Formation: A Reading of John Paul II’s *Pastores dabo*

- vobis*,” American Catholic Philosophical Association conference, Dallas, TX (November 18, 2017).
36. “Creator, Artist, Moral Agent: Aquinas on God’s Bringing–Forth of the Man and the Woman,” American Catholic Philosophical Association conference, Dallas, TX (November 18, 2017).
 37. “At the Heart of Atheism: Aquinas on the Two Basic Objections to a God’s Existence,” Association for Core Texts and Courses conference, Dallas, TX (April 14, 2017)
 38. “Death by Incarnation,” *Traditio* Lecture, Thomas More College of the Liberal Arts, Merrimack, NH (March 24, 2017)
 39. “Newman’s Complement to Aquinas on Religion,” American Catholic Philosophical Association conference, San Francisco, CA (November 4, 2016)
 40. “Structure, Order, and Nuance along Aquinas’s Five Ways,” Association for Core Texts and Courses conference, Atlanta, GA (April 16, 2016)
 41. “Universalizing the Search for God: Contextualizing Aquinas’s Five Ways,” Christendom Graduate School, Alexandria, VA (April 11, 2016)
 42. “The Complicated Relationship between the Domestic and the Political: Reflections on Aeschylus’s *Oresteia*,” Braniff Graduate Salon, Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture (April 24, 2015)
 43. “From Monasticism to Scholasticism: Reflections on Anselm and Aquinas,” Association for Core Texts and Courses Conference, Plymouth, MA (April 11, 2015)
 44. Response to Wayne Hankey’s “From Impassibility to Self-Affectivity: The Trinitarian Metaphysics of *Esse* in St. Thomas’s *Summa*,” University of Dallas (January 28, 2015)
 45. Pedagogical Dimensions of Boethius’s *Consolation of Philosophy*,” Association for Core Texts and Courses Conference, Los Angeles, CA (April 11, 2014)
 46. “An Anthropological Perspective: Attitudes Toward the Body and Having a Sex,” Panel: Reflections on Marriage and the Contemporary Situation, University of Dallas (November 13, 2013)
 47. “What is Religion? The Complementary Perspectives of Aquinas and Newman,” National Newman Conference, Newman Association of America, Walsh University (August 9, 2013)
 48. “Grounding the Church’s Social Doctrine: Reflections on Benedict XVI’s *Deus caritas est*,” Catholic Social Thought Series, University of Dallas (April 3, 2013)
 49. “Augustine’s Modification of Liberal Education in *De doctrina Christiana*,” Center for Thomas More Studies Seminar: Augustine on Education and Citizenship: What is Liberal Education?, University of Dallas (November 10, 2012)
 50. “A Kingdom of Ends or a Kingdom of Friends? The Moral Worlds of Kant and Aquinas,” Dallas Philosophers Forum (September 13, 2011)
 51. “Anselm’s Erotic Thinking: Comic, Tragic, and Philosophic Moments in the *Proslogion*,” Conference on Christian Philosophy: Neoplatonism and Its Legacy, Franciscan University of

- Steubenville (April 25, 2009)
52. Response to Thomas Hibbs's "How to Begin to Study Thomas Aquinas," Aquinas Lecture, University of Dallas (January 28, 2009)
 53. "Lady Philosophy's Gentler Remedies in Boethius's *Consolation*," University of Dallas (February 4, 2008)
 54. "A 'Kingdom of Friends': Love and Freedom in Aquinas's Moral World," Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture: Friendship (October 26, 2007)
 55. "Anselm's Spirited Approach to the Divine: A Reading of the *Proslogion* Argument," University of Dallas (October 25, 2007)
 56. "Free Choice and Liberal Thinking: Reflections on Aquinas," Association for Core Texts and Courses Conference, Chicago, IL (April 8, 2006)
 57. "Symbols and Signs in *On Interpretation*, 1, 16a1-9," NEH Summer Seminar, San Diego State University (July 29, 2003)
 58. "Ockham and the 'Omnipotence Principle'," Thomas Aquinas College (April 6, 2000)

Departmental colloquia

1. Response to Sr. Elinor Gardner, "Asceticism, Philosophy, and Faith" (February 24, 2025)
2. Response to Angela Knobel, "Habits, Triggers, and Moral Formation" (September 26, 2022)
3. Response to John Tutuska, "The Dialectic of Political and Private Senses of Ethical Virtue in Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*" (April 2, 2012)
4. Response to James Lehrberger, "The Being of the Objects of the Theoretical Sciences" (February 28, 2011)
5. Response to Lance Simmons, "Pretense, Corruption, and Character" (November 2, 2009)
6. "Comedy and Tragedy in Anselm's *Proslogion*" (April 6, 2009)

Undergraduate colloquia

1. "Being Religious" (September 6, 2024)
2. "Is Celibacy Natural?" (January 19, 2024)
3. "Delphic Counsels" (September 16, 2022)
4. "... When Mercy Seasons Justice" (January 20, 2022)
5. "Two in One Flesh" (February 5, 2021)
6. "Being Religious" (March 6, 2020)
7. "What Wise Guys Do" (September 27, 2019)
8. "Aquinas on the Human" (September 26, 2018)
9. "One Flesh: The Distinctiveness of Human Generation" (April 28, 2017)
10. "Being Religious," (September 1, 2016)
11. "The Metaphysics of Transubstantiation" (September 20, 2013)
12. "Divine mercy and divine justice" (October 14, 2012)
13. "Plagiarism" (March 4, 2011)
14. "Does it matter if the fetus is a human being?" (February 12, 2010)

15. "What is a common good?" (October 9, 2009)
16. "Laziness ≠ sloth" (April 3, 2009)
17. "Can God be both merciful and just?" (November 21, 2008)

University Service

Thomas Aquinas College

Curriculum Committee, 2000–2008
Accreditation Committee on Writing Proficiency, Chair, 2007–2008
Writing Tutor, 2007–2008
Admissions Committee, 2006–2008
Summer Tutor Development Program, 2001–2002, 2004–2007
Summer High School Program, 2001–2003, 2005–2007
Accreditation Committee on the Junior and Senior Seminars, 2006
Accreditation Committee on the Tutor Handbook, 2006
Committee on the Revision of Senior Seminar, 2003–2004
Accreditation Committee on Faculty, 2002

University of Dallas

Director, Continuing Orientation Program for University of Dallas faculty and staff, 2023–2025
Faculty Senate, 2014–2022 [Chair, 2017–2020, 2021–2022]
University Council, 2017–2020, 2021–22
Council of Deans and Chairs, 2012–2026
Undergraduate Council, 2012–2026
Civil Rights and Title IX Group, 2021–Present
Religious Liberty Working Group, 2021–2024
House System Task Force, 2023–2024
COVID Preparedness Committee, 2021
QEP Committee, 2014–2020
QEP advisor, 2014–2020
QEP Development Committee, 2013–2014
Presidential Search Committee, 2018–2019
Inauguration Committee, 2019
Search committee for the Economics Department, 2023
Search committee for the Philosophy Department, 2014–2015, 2019–2020, 2021–22
Search committee for the Modern Languages Department, 2016
Search committee for the Politics Department, 2011–2012, 2013–2014
Faculty Development Committee, 2016–2020, 2021–22
Library Committee, 2013–2016 [Chair, 2014–2016]
Constantin College Strategic Planning Steering Committee, 2014

Mission Alignment Task Force, 2013
Secretary, Department of Philosophy, 2008–2014
Faculty advisor, Holy Trinity Events, 2015–2018
Faculty reviewer, *Ramify* (i.e., the Braniff journal), 2011–2016
Faculty advisor, Crusader Semper Fi Society, 2010
Faculty advisor, Frolf Club, 2010

Holy Trinity Seminary

Evaluation Team, 2012–Present
Advisory Committee, Bishop Tschoepe Institute of Homiletics and Communications, 2013

Professional Service/Activities/Development

Planned and led a Valor Institute Academic Retreat (Austin, TX), “Friendship in Athens, Rome, and the New Jerusalem” (October 22-24, 2025)
Resolution Writer/Editor, Diocese of Dallas Synod, 2023–24
Planned and led faculty workshops contributing to “Gupta Reimagined,” University of Dallas, 2023–24

Planned, led, and participated in the *Adoro Te* Lecture Series, University of Dallas, 2023–24

Planned and served as moderator for 28 week-long *Fides et Ratio* Summer Seminars at the Faith and Reason Institute for college professors as well as high school and elementary school teachers:

- “The American Regime and Catholic Thought & Practice II, 1865–1923” (Saint Vincent College; July 13–20, 2024)
- “Christian Learning, Catholic Education, Christian Living” (Catholic Pastoral Center, Diocese of Oklahoma City; June 21–28, 2024)
- “Christian Learning, Catholic Education, Christian Living” (Catholic Pastoral Center, Diocese of Oklahoma City; July 8–15, 2023)
- “The American Regime and Catholic Thought & Practice II, 1859–1865” (Saint Vincent College; June 1–8, 2023)
- “The American Regime and Catholic Thought & Practice I, 1776–1859” (Saint Vincent College; June 25–July 2, 2022)
- “Christian Learning, Catholic Education, Christian Living” (Catholic Pastoral Center, Diocese of Oklahoma City; June 3–10, 2022)
- “Christian Learning, Catholic Education, Christian Living” (St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; July 14–21, 2018)
- “Catholic Thought and the American Regime, Part IV” (Thomas More College; June 9–16, 2018)
- “Christian Learning, Catholic Education, Christian Living” (St. Patrick’s Seminary; July 8–15, 2017)
- “The American Regime and Catholic Social Thought and Practice: 1918–1962” (Thomas More College; June 17–24, 2017)
- “Church Fathers, Doctors, Popes, and Sacred Art and Music, Part II” (Thomas More College; June 3–10, 2017)
- “Vocations: Marriage, Priesthood, Religious Life” (St. John’s Seminary; July 9–16, 2016)
- “Christian Learning, Catholic Education, Christian Living” (Franciscan Renewal Center; June 19–26, 2016)
- “The American Regime and Catholic Social Thought and Practice: 1868–1918” (Thomas More College; June 11–18, 2016)
- “Church Fathers, Doctors, Popes, and Sacred Art and Music, Part I” (Thomas More College; May 28–June 4, 2016)
- “Christian Learning, Catholic Education, Christian Living” (Our Lady of the Elms College; July 18–25, 2015)
- “Vocations: Marriage, Priesthood, Religious Life” (St. Patrick’s Seminary; July 4–11, 2015)
- “Church Fathers, Doctors, Popes, and Sacred Art and Music, Part I” (Thomas More College; May 23–30, 2015)
- “Vocations: Marriage, Priesthood, Religious Life” (St. Patrick’s Seminary; July 5–12, 2014)
- “The Catholic Intellectual Tradition in the 20th and 21st Centuries” (Wyoming Catholic College; June 21–28, 2014)
- “The Catholic Intellectual Tradition in the 20th and 21st Centuries” (Wyoming Catholic College; June 20–27, 2014)

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- “The Catholic Intellectual Tradition and America” (St. John’s Seminary; June 23–30, 2012)
- “Church Fathers, Doctors, Popes, and Sacred Art and Music, Part I” (Thomas More College; May 21–28, 2011)
- “The Catholic Intellectual Tradition in the 20th and 21st Centuries” (Wyoming Catholic College; July 4–10, 2010)
- “The Catholic Intellectual Tradition in the 20th and 21st Centuries” (Belmont Abbey College; July 26–August 1, 2009)
- “The Catholic Intellectual Tradition in the 20th and 21st Centuries” (University of Notre Dame; July 27–August 2, 2008)
- “The Catholic Intellectual Tradition” (University of Saint Francis; July 22–28, 2007)

Planned and led day-long seminars for teachers at St. Mary’s School in Taylor, TX, as they transition to a classical curriculum:

- “Pathways into the Arts: Conversations about Beauty” (August 9, 2021)
- “Pathways into the Bible: Conversations about the Scriptures and Scriptural Interpretation” (August 6, 2020)
- “Pathways into Science and Math: Conversations about Nature, Space, and Number” (August 8, 2019)
- “Pathways into Reality: Conversations about ‘Things that are Above’” (August 9, 2018)

Participated in three seminars of the Center for Thomas More Studies at the University of Dallas:

- “Augustine on Education and Citizenship: What is Liberal Education?” (November 9–10, 2012)
- “Augustine’s and More’s Use of Cicero” (June 17–18, 2011)
- “Cicero’s *De officiis*, *De finibus*, and *De oratore*” (June 18–19, 2010)

Participated in two “Core Conversations” at the University of Dallas:

- “Dante’s *Purgatorio*” (March 16–17, 2012)
- “Imagining Justice in Hesiod, Homer, and Aeschylus: Moving from Family Violence to Civic Harmony” (October 28–29, 2011)

Editor, “Liberal Arts and Education” section of www.artsofliberty.org, 2012–2017

Editor, *Arts of Liberty* journal, 2015–2017

Associate Editor, *Arts of Liberty* journal, 2012–2015

Site team member, accreditation visit at Wyoming Catholic College for the American Academy of Liberal Education (April 7–10, 2010)

Participant, Alliance for Liberal Learning Conference (Chicago, IL; November 6–7, 2015)

Participant, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, “Aristotle on Meaning and Thought,” San Diego State University, June 30–August 1, 2003

Ad hoc reviewer/referee for various journals and publishers, including: *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *Arts of Liberty*, *European Journal for the Philosophy of Religion*, Lexington Books, *Proceedings of the ACTC Conference*, *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care*, *New Blackfriars*, *Communio*, et al.

Contributor to several videos in the series produced through the Studies in Catholic Faith and Culture Program at the University of Dallas, including *The Quest*

Member, Board of Directors, Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, 2020–Present

Member, Board of Trustees, Boethius Institute for the Advancement of Liberal Education, 2023–Present

Community Service/Activities

Judge, American Speech and Debate Association National Championship, University of Texas at Dallas (May 31, 2025)

Delegate, Diocese of Dallas Synod, 2024

Member, Priestly Ongoing Formation Board, Diocese of Dallas, 2020–2023

Theology on Tap presentations:

- “How (Not) to (Mis)Understand Nature and Grace,” April 23, 2024, Outfit Brewery (Dallas, TX)
- “So, What is a Woman, Ultimately?” October 24, 2023, Outfit Brewing (Dallas, TX)
- “Is Mercy Just Justice?” April 3, 2023, Celestial Beerworks (Dallas, TX)
- “Certitude and its (Dis)Contents,” January 19, 2023, Peticolas Brewing (Dallas, TX)
- “Woman: The Finale of Creation,” October 20, 2022, Peticolas Brewing (Dallas, TX)
- “The Two Stumbling Blocks to Our Knowing God’s Existence,” August 25, 2022, Peticolas Brewing (Dallas, TX)
- “St. Anselm’s Non-Disincarnate Thinking,” October 7, 2021, Outfit Brewing (Dallas, TX)

Panel judge, Senior Seminar Presentation Night, Cistercian Preparatory School, 2017, 2019

Panelist, Young Catholic Professionals Dallas Executive Panel Discussion, “Stuck in the Land of Maybe: The Nobility of Standing by Your Word” (Christ the King Church; April 28, 2015)

Presenter, Las Colinas Women’s Association Literary Club: “François Mauriac’s *Viper’s Tangle*” (May 5, 2014); “Graham Greene’s *Burnt-Out Case*” (October 8, 2012)

Judge, Cambridge School Senior Essay Contest (Spring 2011)

Judge, Dallas Philosophers Forum Scholarship Award (Fall 2010)

Cub Scout Den Leader (Wolves, Bears, Webelos I, and Webelos II), 2010–2013

Coach for soccer, baseball, and basketball, Irving YMCA, 2009–2013 [Coach of the Year, 2012]

Volunteer, Angel Tree Ministries (Santa Paula, CA), 2005–2008

Memberships

Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society, 2019–Present

Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, 2019–Present

Sigma Iota Epsilon National Honorary and Professional Management Society, 2018–Present

American Catholic Philosophical Association, 2000–Present

Association of Core Texts and Courses, 2014–2021

American Philosophical Association, 1999–2017