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Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Saint Louis University

Areas of Expertise

Latin medieval metaphysics, philosophy of action, and ethics; Thomas Aquinas.

Areas of Competence

Ancient philosophy, early modern philosophy, contemporary analytic philosophy of action

Publications ("*"

 Gloria Frost, Aquinas on Efficient Causation and Causal Powers (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022). Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews: https://ndpr.nd.edu/reviews/aquinas-on-efficient-causation-and-causal-powers/ 	2023
 Antonia Fitzpatrick, Thomas Aquinas on Bodily Identity (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017). Archa Verbi 16 (2019): pp. 190– 192. 	2021
 with Elise Frketich (Purdue University). Terry Pinkard, Hegel's Naturalism (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012). Hegel Bulletin 39 (1) (2018): pp. 162–168. 	2018
 Thomas M. Osborne Jr., Human Action in Thomas Aquinas, John Duns Scotus, and William of Ockham (Washington DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 2014). Tijdschrift voor Filosofie 76 (2014): pp. 597–600. 	2014
Submitted Work or Work in Progress	
 Latin Medieval Theories of the Soul and Its Powers (ca. 1250–1330). (book manuscript) 	In progress
 William Crathorn on the Relation between a Power and Its Manifestation 	In progress
 "Aquinas on the Principle of Alternate Possibilities: The Test Case of Christ." (article) 	In progress
 "Aquinas on Voluntary Passivity." (article) 	In progress
Title omitted in the interest of blind review.	Submitted
Talks (selection; 'F' indicates a future talk)	
 "William Crathorn on the Relation between a Power and Its Manifestation." Toronto Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy. University of Torontom, September 20-21, 2024. 	F2024
 "Albert the Great on the Soul as Operation." British Society for the History of Philosophy Conference. University of Liverpool, April 9, 2024. 	2024

• "William Crathorn on Why Cognitive Powers Are Identical to Their Acts." Penser autrement: Les pouvoirs de l'âme et les disciplines du savoir (XIIe-XVIe). Université de Tours. October 13, 2023.

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 "Aquinas on Contact of Power (tactus virtutis)." 2020 Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (= APA). Chicago, February 27, 2020. (invited) 	2020
• "Bonaventure on the Soul and Its Powers." 2020 APA Eastern Division Meeting. Philadelphia, January 9, 2020. (invited)	2020
 "Bonaventure on the Soul and Its Powers." Mind and Body: Aspects of Medieval Natural Philosophy. University of Łódź. Łódź, June 14, 2019. (invited) 	2019
 "Aquinas on Practical Judgment." Midwestern Medieval Philosophy Colloquium. University of Notre Dame. South Bend, IN, April 5, 2019. 	2019
 Response to Daniel Simpson's (St. Louis University) "Supercharged Substances: Ockham on Substantial Powers." 2019 APA Central Division Meeting. Denver, February 21, 2019. (invited) 	2019
 "Thomas Aquinas on Human Action as a Power Exercise." Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy. New York City, June 7, 2018. 	2018
 "Thomas Aquinas, Henry of Ghent, and Thomas of Sutton on Powers and Their Grounds." 2018 APA Central Division Meeting. Chicago, February 22, 2018. (invited) 	2018
 "Thomas Aquinas on the Soul's Causation of Its Powers and Henry of Ghent's Regress." The 14th International Congress of the SIEPM. Porto Alegre, Brazil, July 28, 2017. 	2017
 "John Duns Scotus on Causal Action as a Respectus." Seventh Meeting of the Sociedad de Filosofía Medieval (SOFIME). Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona 	

Contemporary Perspectives. Humboldt

Conference Organization

with Nathaniel Baron-Schmitt (Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities "Human Abilities," Berlin). Two-Way Powers: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives. Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities "Human Abilities." Berlin, February 9, 2023.	2023
 with Russell Friedman (KU Leuven). Theories of Causal Powers in the Thirteenth and the Fourteenth Century. KU Leuven. Leuven, June 1–2, 2018. 	2018
• with Luca Gili (University of Chieti), The Ontology of Change in Thirteenth- and Fourteenth-Century Thought, KU Leuven. Leuven, June 3–4, 2015.	2015

Memberships

- American Philosophical Association
- Société Internationale pour l'Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale
- Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

Languages

- German (native language)
- English (fluent)
- Dutch (CEFR C1²)
- French (CEFR C1)
- Latin (advanced reading proficiency)
- Classical Greek (intermediate reading proficiency, but rusty)
- Classical Arabic (intermediate reading proficiency, but rusty)

² The level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is defined as "effective operational proficiency." It is one level below the highest level, which is defined as "mastery." For more details, see https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/level-descriptions.