

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Catholic University of America (August, 2012-May 2017)

Ph.D., Conferred, May 13, 2017

QPA: 3.895 / 4.0

Dissertation: "Logic and Intentionality According to Hervaeus Natalis"

Approved: May, 2015

Defended: April, 2017

Director: Dr. Timothy Noone, Ph.D. M.S.L., Full Professor

Readers: Dr. Kevin White, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Dr. Tobias Hoffmann, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Ph.L., Conferred, May 17, 2014

Thesis Director: Dr. V. Bradley Lewis, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Reader: Fr. James Brent, O.P., Ph.D., Assistant Professor

Thesis Title: Natural Law and History in the Moral Philosophy of
Jacques Maritain

Reading List Examinations

Medieval and Modern: Passed first attempt, October 2014

Ancient: Passed first attempt, March 2015

University of Notre Dame (Summer, 2012)

Medieval Latin studies at Medieval Institute

University of Oxford, UK (October 2011 – March 2012)

Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies

Guided Reading in Islamic History, Theology, and Theology, Dr. Martin
Whittingham

Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe PA (September 2009 – May 2011)

QPA: 3.98 / 4.0

Studies through first theology of MDiv ordination track

Saint Vincent College, Latrobe PA (September 2002 – May 2006)

QPA: 3.95 / 4.0

B.S. Computing and Information Sciences

B.A. Catholic Theology

Minor: Mathematics

Philosophy: Roman seminary pre-theology coursework completed with additions
(36 credits; see transcripts for details)

Historical Areas of Concentration

Ancient Philosophy: Aristotle, Plato, Later Hellenistic Philosophy

Medieval Philosophy: Bonaventure, Aquinas, Problems in late 13th / early 14th century scholasticism (esp. metaphysics of logic)

Modern Philosophy: Early Modern Political Philosophy, Dominican Commentatorial Tradition, The scholastic inheritance of modernity, Kantian epistemology and moral philosophy

Contemporary Philosophy: Problems in 20th century Catholic philosophical thought; Particular specialization in corpus of Jacques Maritain and Yves Simon

Topical Areas of Experience / Concentration

Aristotelian and medieval logic, ethics, and political philosophy

Thomism – Metaphysics, natural philosophy, philosophical ethics

Early modern science / epistemology and the inheritance of late scholasticism

Problems of faith and reason in the Catholic Tradition

Languages

Primary (Native): English

Reading: French, German, Latin

NT Greek (Basic)

Academic Awards

First Runner Up, American Catholic Philosophical Association 2016 “Rising Scholar Contest.” Paper title: “Beyond Non-Being: Thomistic Metaphysics on Second Intentions, *Ens morale*, and *Ens artificiale*.”

Graduate Student Paper Award and Stipend. Annual meeting of the American Maritain Association. “Maritain and the Metaphysics of Sexual Differentiation.” (Feb. 2016, Fordham University, NY)

Ryan Doctoral Fellowship, Catholic University of America, Two Years (Aug. 2015 – May 2017)

Board of Trustees Scholarship, Catholic University of America, Three Years (Aug. 2012 – May 2015)

Top graduating undergraduate in discipline, *Catholic Theology*, Saint Vincent College, 2006

Top graduating undergraduate in discipline, *Computing and Information Sciences*, Saint Vincent College, 2006

Fr. Maximilian Duman Competitive Scholarship in Biology, St. Vincent College

Teaching Experience

Professor of Philosophy and Moral Theology, Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Sept. 2017-present

Duties: Standard duties of lecturing, providing course reading guides, administering examinations, and evaluating written work of students for comprehension of material, directing of Master's-level theses as requested by students.

End of Life Topics: Compressed summer seminary course for deaconate program, covering topics related to moral-theological bioethical issues pertaining to end of life issues. Attention is given to the broader points of philosophical and theological anthropology, morality, and spirituality related to death as a properly human and Christian act. Focus primarily pastoral.

PH 102: Ancient Sources II: Seminary course for first year students, introducing themes directly pertinent to Byzantine philosophical history and how this relates to the nature of human knowledge, theology, and faith. Attention is given to the use of the Aristotelian Organon (and its subsequent Neo-Platonic tradition) by St. John Damascene and the history of Byzantine Aristotelianism and its implications. Significant thematic treatment is given to the issues surrounding uncreated grace, divine simplicity, and the legitimacy of philosophy generated in the context of the debates between Barlaam of Calabria and St. Gregory Palamas. This theme is discussed through direct work in primary sources, including Proclean texts relevant to these topics as well as those of Pseudo-Dionysius, as well as the works of St. Gregory himself. Likewise a contrast is provided between the developed philosophical-theological thought of the Orthodox Gennadios Scholarios and the Western Thomist Thomas de Vio Cajetan. Finally, the course deals with historical issues relevant to Churches in union with Rome regarding the ecclesial status of philosophy and Thomism.

MT 100: Introduction to Moral Theology: Seminary course for third year students introducing the nature of moral theology as a science and as a form of wisdom. Care is given to provide students with the ability to discuss absolute moral norms by drawing on magisterial themes from *Veritatis Splendor* and the tradition of Thomistic moral philosophy and theology as employed by the magisterium. The course integrates the spiritual and monastic traditions of Eastern Christianity into discussions of the supernatural moral life.

Topics covered: The nature of moral theology, beatitude, freedom, conscience and prudence, the virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the natural law, passions, vice and sin, the nature of imperfection, and monastic perfection.

MT 101 Contemporary Moral Issues: Seminary course for fourth year students, discussing various controversial issues facing contemporary believers. Attention is given to pastoral repercussions of the topics discussed. Magisterial

pronouncements are given special place. Where applicable comparison and contrast to various Orthodox thinkers is presented as well.

Topics covered: The dignity of human life, contraception, abortion, euthanasia, reproductive technologies, stem cell research, the death penalty, gender issues, pornography, and the relation of work and leisure.

MT 102 Marriage and Sexuality: Seminary course for 3rd year students. This course examines, in a holistic manner, the basic elements of the Catholic Church's teaching on marriage and sexuality. The biblical foundations, historical and theological development of the Catholic tradition of marriage and sexual ethics will be presented with special attention to Church documents on these subjects. In addition, careful attention is given to the philosophical concepts necessary in the elaboration of Church doctrine in these matters, while grounding these discussions ultimately in the sacramental nature of marriage. Special attention is given to questions pertaining to same-sex unions, divorce, and Orthodox views concerning marriage.

MT 104 Marriage, Sexuality, and Contemporary Moral Issues: Seminary course for 3rd / 4th year students. This course represents a combination of the previous MT 102 and MT 101 so as to focus solely on the moral issues involved with marriage, sexual ethics, and contemporary bioethical problems. In addition to introducing student to the history of ecclesial teachings (and debates) concerning these matters, significant time is spent discussing the cultural and philosophical underpinnings of debates surrounding topics including: the nature of marriage, the nature of chastity, contemporary gender issues, contraception, abortion, fertility treatments, stem cell research, end-of-life topics.

DT 201 Documents of Vatican II, Part 1: A primary text, seminar-driven course introducing 4th year students to the main constitutions of the Second Vatican Council. Attention is given to the pre-history of the Council as well as the history of the proceedings during the drafting of the documents. Although students are encouraged to focus on ecclesiological issues, the topic of divine revelation and the relation of the Church and the world are also discussed at length.

DT 202 Documents of Vatican II, Part 2: Seminary course for 4th year students. This course is concerned with themes arising from *Orientalium Ecclesiarum*, *Unitatis Redintegratio* and *Nostra aetate*. Greatest focus is given, however, to ecclesiological themes pertinent to the eastern churches. Discussion grounds the Vatican II documents in the official and theological discussions of Roman primacy antecedent to the formulations of Vatican II. In addition to ecclesiological topics relative to the subsistence of the Church, Patriarchal authority as well as that of eparchical and *sui iuris* authority, the development of the teaching on "no salvation outside the Church," and the notion of "sister churches."

Adjunct Professor, Philosophy, Mount Saint Mary's University, Aug. 2015-Mar. 2018

Duties: Standard duties of lecturing, providing course reading guides, administering examinations, and evaluating written work of students for comprehension of material.

PHIL 200 Introduction to Philosophy: General introduction for non-majors in philosophy as part of the core curriculum. Course provides a survey of major topics in the history of philosophy, thematically presented comprehension. Course focused on the ability to read primary texts carefully for comprehension in context.

Topics covered: The nature of philosophy according to each thinker, the medieval context of faith and reason, modernity and practical philosophy, the place of philosophy in society, the world of work vs. the world of leisure

PHIL 301 Moral Philosophy: General course in moral philosophy intended for non-majors in philosophy as part of core curriculum. Focus of course is on the systematic questions involved in evaluating moral questions, with especial focus on Aristotelian virtue ethics.

Topics covered: The nature of moral philosophy and moral thought; clarifying various conceptions pertinent to moral discourse; the role of conscience in the moral life; the role of consequences in moral acts; the question of religion, the supernatural, and philosophical ethics; special thematic focus on the nature of the virtues

PHIL 310 Civic and Professional Issues: General introductions to questions of justice and the common good, intended for non-majors in philosophy as part of the core curriculum.

Topics covered: The nature of society, government, and the state; civil law and the moral life; questions concerning property, work, wages, and social justice; the nature of rights; war, peace, and international relations

Private Tutor, Varsity Tutors, Nation-wide (online and in person), 2012-2016
Subjects taught: GRE Prep, SAT Prep, High School and College Mathematics (Various), College Computer Science, Composition and Rhetoric
Author of test preparation questions / explanations, various subjects including: GRE, ISEE, HSPT, GED, Calculus, Algebra, AP Literature

Teaching Assistant, St. Vincent College, Department of Computing and Information Sciences, Latrobe, PA 2009-2011

Teaching Assistant, Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA 2011

Journal Referee

The American Journal of Semiotics, 2017-

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Contributions

“Maritain and the Metaphysics of Sexual Differentiation.” *The Things that Matter: Essays on the Later Work of Jacques Maritain*, edited by Heidi Giebel, 150-167. Washington, DC: Catholic University of America, 2018.

“Revisiting Maritain’s Moral Philosophy Adequately Considered” *Nova et Vetera* 16, no. 2 (Spring, 2018): 489-510.

“Intelligence and Morality: Translation and Comments on an Article by Fr. Ambroise Gardeil, O.P.,” *Nova et Vetera* 16, no. 2 (Spring, 2018): 643-664.

“Beyond Non-Being: Thomistic Metaphysics on Second Intentions, *Ens morale*, and *Ens artificiale*,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 91, no. 3 (July, 2017): 353-379.

“Not Our Loudest but Our Stillest Hours: A Dialogue Between Friedrich Nietzsche and the Monastic Spirit.” *Downside Review* (No. 456, July 2011).

Popular Articles

“Death Penalty Teaching: The Faithful Have Questions,” *Ascension Press Blog* (August 4, 2018).

“On the Lowly, Yet Vital, Importance of Chastity: A Response to His Excellency, Bishop Robert McElroy,” *Homiletic and Pastoral Review* (November, 2017).

“Giving Nature Its Due—Even in Sacramental Matrimony,” *Homiletic and Pastoral Review* (September, 2017).

“Leisure: The Basis of Everything?” *Homiletic and Pastoral Review* (January, 2017).

“Thomistic Reflections on Divine Mercy and Divine Justice.” *Homiletic and Pastoral Review* (July, 2016).

Volumes Edited

<Title to be determined>, Select Papers from 2018 American Maritain Association Press. Slated for publication in 2020 by the Catholic University of America Press, Washington, DC.

Translations

Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange. *Le sens du mystère et le clair-obscur intellectuel*. Paris: Desclée de Brouwer, 1934. 339pp. Translation: *The Sense of Mystery: Clarity and Obscurity in the Intellectual Life*. Steubenville, OH: Emmaus Academic, 2017.

(Pending Publication) Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange. “Remarks Concerning the Metaphysical Character of St. Thomas’s Moral Theology: In Particular as Regards the Relationship of Prudence and Conscience.” *Nova et Vetera* (Late 2018).

(Draft Completed, Contracted, Emmaus Academic, Anticipated Publication—late 2018 / first half 2019) Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange. *Le réalisme du principe de finalité*. Paris: Desclée de Brouwer, 1932. 366pp.

(Draft Completed, Contracted, Emmaus Academic, Anticipated Publication—Anticipated late 2018 / first half 2019) Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange. *Le sens commun: la philosophie de l’être et les formules dogmatiques*. 4th edition. Paris: Desclée de Brouwer, 1936. ix + 437pp.

(Draft Completed, Seeking Publisher) *A Philosophical Theologian: Collected Philosophical Articles of Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P.* Edited collection of articles pertaining to logic, knowledge, moral and political philosophy, and the relationship between faith and reason. 275pp. (approx.)

(Draft Completed, Seeking Publisher) Ambroise Gardeil, *La vraie vie chrétienne* (Paris: Desclée de Brouwer, 1937). iii + 362pp.

(In Process, Translation Commissioned, Anticipated in Four Volumes between 2019 and 2021; first volume under review by publisher, second volume in initial draft) Jean-Hervé Nicolas. *Synthèse Dogmatique: de la Trinité à la Trinité*. Fribourg, CH: Éditions Universitaires, 1985; *Synthèse Dogmatique: complément, de l’Univers à la Trinité*. Fribourg, CH: Éditions Universitaires, 1997. 1206pp+474pp.

(In Process, Contract being negotiated with Emmaus Academic, Anticipated in Two Volumes between 2019 and 2021) Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange. *De revelatione per ecclesiam catholicam proposita*. 5th ed. Vols. 1 and 2. Rome: Desclée et Socii, 1950. v+519pp+450pp.

Book Collaboration Projects

(Contributing Editor) *GRE Study Guide: Lessons, Strategies, and Diagnostic Tests*. Edited by Eric Forster et al. St. Louis: Varsity Tutors, LLC, 2016.

Book Reviews

- Stanley Vodraska. *Philosophical Essays Concerning Human Families*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2014. *Lex Naturalis* 3 (Spring, 2018): 137-141.
- Josef Pieper. *Not Yet the Twilight: An Autobiography, 1945-1964*. South Bend, IN: St. Augustine's Press, 2017. *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* (February, 2018)
- Scola, Angelo. *Let's Not Forget God: Freedom of Faith, Culture, and Politics*. Translated by Matthew Sherry. New York: Image, 2014. *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* (October, 2017).
- Randall B. Smith. *Reading the Sermons of Thomas Aquinas: A Beginner's Guide*. Steubenville, OH: Emmaus Academic, 2016. *Homiletic & Pastoral Review*. (September, 2017)
- Douglas Farrow. *Desiring a Better Country: Forays in Political Theology*. Montreal & Kingston: McGill Queen's University Press, 2015. *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* (June, 2017).
- Peter Kreeft. *I Burned for Your Peace. Augustine's Confessions Unpacked*. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2016. *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* (June, 2017).
- Raïssa Maritain. *We Have Been Friends Together & Adventures in Grace: Memoirs*. South Bend, IN: St. Augustine's Press, 2016. *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* (March, 2017).
- Matthew Levering. *Proofs of God: Classical Arguments from Tertullian to Barth*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2016. (February, 2017)
- John Lawrence Hill. *After the Natural Law: How the Classical Worldview Supports Our Modern Moral and Political Values*. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2016. *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* (January, 2017).
- Robert P. George. *Conscience and Its Enemies*. Wilmington, DE: ISI Books, 2016. *Lex Naturalis* 2 (Jan., 2017).
- Daniel D Novotný. *Ens rationis from Suárez to Caramuel: A Study in Scholasticism of the Baroque Era*. New York: Fordham University Press, 2013. *The Review of Metaphysics* (Sept., 2016): 145-147.
- Aryeh Kosman. *The Activity of Being: An Essay on Aristotle's Ontology*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2014. *The Review of Metaphysics* (Summer, 2016): 817-819.

David L. Schindler and Nicholas J. Healy Jr. *Freedom, Truth, and Human Dignity: The Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Religious Freedom. A New Translation, Redaction History, and Interpretation of Dignitatis Humanae*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2015. *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* (June, 2016).

David K. O'Connor, *Plato's Bedroom: Ancient Wisdom and Modern Love* (South Bend, IN: St. Augustine's Press, 2015. *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* (June, 2016).

John Deely. *Tractatus de signis: The Semiotic of John Poincaré*. South Bend, IN: St. Augustine's Press, 2013. *The Review of Metaphysics* (2015): 381-383.

Conference Presentations

“Saint Thomas and the Thomists on Logic as a Science.” Conference Presentation, 53rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 10-13, 2018.

“Analogy and Methodology: Maritain and an Example of the Proper Method of Metaphysics.” Conference Presentation, American Maritain Association Conference, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary: “Thomism and Science,” March 1-3, 2018.

“Getting the Middle Term Right: Cenoscopia, Ideoscopia, and the Formal Objects of Sciences.” Conference Presentation, American Maritain Association Conference, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary: “Thomism and Science,” March 1-3, 2018.

“Maritain and the Metaphysics of Sexual Differentiation.” Conference Presentation, American Maritain Association Conference, Fordham University: “Along Unbeaten Pathways: Jacques Maritain's Pursuit of Wisdom in *Untrammelled Approaches*,” February 25-27, 2016.

“Two Minor Unities: Political Reflections on Common Nature and Unity of Order.” Conference Presentation, The Catholic University of America, School of Philosophy: “The Public and the Private,” March 20-21, 2015.

“The Practical Epistemology of the *Ius Gentium*.” Conference Presentation, American Maritain Association Conference, University of San Francisco: “Maritain Engagé,” February 26-28, 2015.

“Commentary: *The Personalism of John Henry Newman* by John Crosby.” Conference Commentary, American Catholic Philosophical Association: “Dispositions, Habits, and Virtues,” October 9-12, 2014.

“Abrahamic Wisdom: Raïssa Maritain's Influence on Jacques' Conception of the Natural Law.” Conference Presentation, American Maritain Association Conference:

“The Young Jacques: Bergson, Raïssa and Friends,” February 27, 2014 – March 1, 2014.

“A Thomistic Phenomenology of the Formal Object of a Subalternate Science: The Case of John of St. Thomas and Jacques Maritain.” Conference Presentation, The Catholic University of America, School of Philosophy: “Causation and Explanation,” February 22, 2014.

“Remarks on Human Individuation and the Universal Nature of ‘Humanity.’” Conference Presentation, Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas, University of St. Thomas: “Thomas Aquinas: Teacher of Humanity,” October 19, 2013.

“The Glory and Indigence of Human Knowing: A Consideration of the Multiform Conceptualization of the Term ‘Category.’” Conference presentation, The Catholic University of America, School of Philosophy: “The Categories,” March 23, 2013.

“Hovering Angels: Poetic Intuition and Knowledge of Singular Existents.” Conference presentation, American Maritain Association Conference: “Art and Faith,” October 11-13, 2012.

“*Mythopoesis*, the Objectivity of the Particular Sciences, and the Call to Return to Experience.” Conference presentation, Duquesne University Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Pittsburgh, PA, April 2, 2011.

Association Memberships

American Maritain Association, 2012-Present

American Catholic Philosophical Association, 2014-Present