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### Academic Positions

- Director of the Thomistic Institute, and Professor of Theology Pontifical University of St. Thomas (Angelicum), Rome (2018- )
- McDonald Agape Distinguished Scholar (2019-)
- Director of the Thomistic Institute and Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology; Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C. (2008-2018)
- Adjunct Professor of Theology, Providence College (2006-2007)

### Academic Background

- D.Phil. in Theology, Oxford University, 2002. Supervisor: Dr. Mark Edwards; Committee: Fr. Fergus Kerr O.P. and John Saward
- S.T.L. in Theology, Dominican House of Studies, 2007, summa cum laude.
- M.A. in Theology (Patristic and Modern Christology), Oxford University, 1995, 1st.
- B.A. in Religious Studies, Brown University, 1993, magna cum laude.
- Phillips Academy at Andover, 1989, magna cum laude

### Academic Responsibilities

- *Ordinarius* Member of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas (2011-)
- Council Member of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas (2014-)
- Council Member of the Board of the *Ecole Biblique*, Jerusalem (2018-)
- Co-Editor with Dr. Matthew Levering of the theological journal, *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition (2015-)
- Co-Editor with Dr. Matthew Levering of the book series *Thomistic Ressourcement*, The Catholic University of America Press, (2009-)
- Co-Editor with Dr. C.C. Pecknold of the book series *Sacra Doctrina*, The Catholic University of America Press (2014-)
- Associate Editor, *The Thomist*, (2011-); (Book Review Editor, 2008-2010)
- Editorial Board Member, *International Journal of Systematic Theology* (2016-)
- Board Member of the *Academy of Catholic Theology* (2011-2016; 2017-2019)

## **Ecclesial Background**

- Order of Preachers (Dominicans), solemn profession, May 17, 2007
- Diaconal ordination, September 15, 2007
- Priestly ordination, May 23, 2008.
- Member of Provincial Council, Dominican Province of St. Joseph (2010-2014)
- Member of Provincial Intellectual Life Commission, Province of St. Joseph (2014-18)

## **Areas of expertise, interest and research**

Modern systematic theology, Thomistic metaphysics, Aquinas' theology, Christology

## **Languages**

Fluent in English and French; Proficient in Italian and Latin; Reading knowledge of Spanish and German

## **Publications:**

### **Authored Books**

- *Wisdom in the Face of Modernity: A Study in Thomistic Natural Theology*, (First edition: Naples, FL: Sapientia Press, 2009); Second expanded edition: (Naples, FL: Sapientia Press, 2016).
- *The Incarnate Lord: A Study in Thomistic Christology* (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2015).  
2016 Catholic Press Association Book Award, first place in the category of theology.  
2019 Translation into French, Lethielleux Press, Paris.
- *Exodus. A Theological Commentary* (Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2016).
- *The Light of Christ: An Introduction to Catholicism* (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2017).  
2017 Charles Cardinal Journet Prize from the Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal.  
Translation into Polish in process.
- *The Trinity: On the Nature and Mystery of the One God* in process.
- *The Rational Mystery: On the Credibility of Christianity*.

### **Edited Books**

- *Divine Impassibility and the Mystery of Human Suffering* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Press, 2009), co-edited with Dr. Jim Keating.
- *The Analogy of Being: Invention of the Anti-Christ, or Wisdom of God?* (Grand Rapids, Eerdmans Press, 2010). Forward by Archbishop Augustine DiNoia, O.P., Secretary for the Congregation for Divine Worship.
- *Aquinas and Barth: An Unofficial Ecumenical Dialogue* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Press, 2013), co-edited with Bruce L. McCormack.
- *Thomism and Predestination: Principles and Disputations* (Naples, FL: Sapientia Press, 2016), co-edited with Steve Long and Roger Nutt.

- *Dogma and Ecumenism: Vatican II and Karl Barth's Ad Limina Apostolorum* (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of American Press (in process for 2019), co-edited with Matthew Levering and Bruce L. McCormack.
- *Cambridge Companion to Aquinas*, second edition, with Eleonore Stump, (in process).

### Scholarly Articles Published Under Review

- “The Voluntary Action of the Earthly Christ and Necessity of the Beatific Vision,” *The Thomist*, 69, (October 2005): 497-534.
- “Balthasar and Journet on the Universal Possibility of Salvation,” *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, Vol. 4, No. 3 (2006): 633–666.
- “Jesus’ Cry on the Cross and His Beatific Vision,” *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, Vol. 5, No. 3 (2007): 555–582.
- “On the Universal Possibility of Salvation,” *Pro Ecclesia*, Vol. XVII (2008): 269-280.
- “Dyothelitism and the Consciousness of Christ,” *Pro Ecclesia*, Vol. XVII, (2008): 396-422.
- “The Precarity of Wisdom: Modern Dominican Theology, Perspectivalism and the Tasks of Reconstruction,” *Listening Journal of Religion and Culture*, Vol. 43, No. 3 (2008): 167-85.
- “Intra-Divine Obedience in Karl Barth and Nicene-Chalcedonian Christology,” *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, Vol. 6, No. 2 (2008): 377–402.
- “How Barth Got Aquinas Wrong: A Reply to Archie J. Spencer on Causality and Christocentrism,” *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, Vol. 7, No. 1 (2009): 241–70.
- “The Pure Nature of Christology: Human Nature and *Gaudium et Spes* 22,” *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, Vol. 8, No. 2 (2010): 283-322.
- “The Priesthood Makes the Church: Ecclesial Communion and the Power of the Keys,” *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, Vol. 9, No. 1 (2011): 209-36.
- “Classical Christology after Schleiermacher and Barth: A Thomist Perspective,” *Pro Ecclesia* vol. XX (2011): 229-263.
- “On Christian Philosophy and Divine Obedience: A Response to Keith L. Johnson,” *Pro Ecclesia*, vol. XX (2011): 283-89.
- “Kenoticism and the Divinity of Christ Crucified,” *The Thomist*, 75 (2011): 1-41.
- “Toward a Post-Secular, Post-Conciliar Thomistic Philosophy: *Wisdom in the Face of Modernity* and the Challenge of Contemporary Natural Theology” *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, Vol. 10, no. 2 (2012): 521-30.
- “Engaging the Thomistic Tradition and Contemporary Culture Simultaneously: A Response to Burrell, Healy and Schindler” *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, Vol. 10, no. 2 (2012): 605-623.
- “Good Extrinsicism: Matthias Scheeben and the Ideal Paradigm of Nature-Grace Orthodoxy,” *Nova et Vetera*, English Ed. Vol. 11, no. 2 (2013): 537-63.
- “The Virgin Mary and the Church: The Marian Exemplarity of Ecclesial Faith,” *Nova et Vetera*, Vol. 11, no. 2 (2013): 375-406.
- “Thomism after Vatican II,” *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, Vol. 12, no. 4 (2014): 1045-61.

- “Imperfect Happiness and the Final End of Man: Thomas Aquinas and the Paradigm of Nature-Grace Orthodoxy,” *The Thomist*, 78, 2, April, 2014: 247-89.
- “The Universal Mediation of Christ and Non-Christian Religions,” *Nova et Vetera* Vol. 14, no. 1 (2016): 177-98.
- “Divine Simplicity and the Holy Trinity,” *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, Vol. 18, no. 1 (2016): 66-93.
- “The Right to Religious Freedom: Thomistic Principles of Nature and Grace,” *Nova et Vetera*, Vol. 13, no. 4 (2015): 1149-85.
- “Nicene Orthodoxy and Trinitarian Simplicity,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 90 (4):727-750 (2016).
- “The Infused Science of Christ,” *Nova et Vetera*, Vol. 16, no. 2 (2018): 617-41.
- “The Analogy of Faith in Catholic Theology,” *International Journal of Systematic Theology* (forthcoming).

### Scholarly Articles in Edited Volumes

- “The Precarity of Wisdom: Modern Dominican Theology, Perspectivalism and the Tasks of Reconstruction,” forthcoming in a *Ressourcement Thomism: Sacred Doctrine, the Sacraments and the Moral Life*, edited by Matthew Levering, and Reinhard Hütter (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2009), pp. 92-122.
- “Introduction: Divine Impassibility in Contemporary Theology,” with Dr. James F. Keating, in *Divine Impassibility and the Mystery of Human Suffering*, edited by James F. Keating and Thomas Joseph White, O.P. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009), pp. 1-26.
- “Introduction: The *Analogia Entis* Controversy and its Contemporary Significance,” in *The Analogy of Being: Invention of the Anti-Christ, or Wisdom of God?*, edited by Thomas Joseph White, O.P., Eerdmans Press (forthcoming, 2010).
- “Through Him All Things Were Made” (John 1:3). The Analogy of the Word Incarnate according to St. Thomas Aquinas and its Ontological Presuppositions,” in *The Analogy of Being: Invention of the Anti-Christ, or Wisdom of God?*, edited by Thomas Joseph White, O.P., Eerdmans Press, 2010), pp. 246-79.
- “The Enduring Significance of the Dominican Doctrine of Grace: The Case of Obediential Potency,” in *Dominicans and the Challenge of Thomism* (“Biblioteka Instytutu Tomistycznego - Teksty i Studia” 3), Warszawa: Instytut Tomistyczny, 2011.
- “Monotheistic Rationality and Divine Names: Why Aquinas’ Analogy Theory Transcends both Theoretical Agnosticism and Conceptual Anthropomorphism,” in *God*, edited by Anselm Ramelow, O.P., *Philosophia Verlag*, Basic Philosophical Concepts Series, 2014.
- “Sacraments and Philosophy,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Sacramental Theology*, edited by Hans Boersma and Matthew Levering (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015).
- “The Reception of *Gaudium et Spes* in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Church in the (Post-) Modern World,” in *The Reception of Vatican II in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), edited by Matthew Lamb and Matthew Levering.
- “Catholic Predestination,” in *Thomism and Predestination: Principles and Disputations*, (Naples, FL: Sapientia Press, 2016), co-edited by Steve Long, Roger Nutt and Thomas Joseph White.

- “Creation as Inclusive Hierarchy,” in *Dio creatore e la creazione come casa comune; Prospettive Tomiste; Doctor Communis*, ed. by S. T. Bonino and G. Mazzotta (Rome: Urbaniana University Press, 2017): 177-99.
- “The Holy Spirit,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Catholic Theology*, edited by Lewis Ayres and Medi Volpe, (Oxford University Press, 2019).
- “Aquinas and Nietzsche on Truth,” forthcoming in a collection in from Catholic University of America Press, edited by Fran O’Rourke.
- Three other such essays for collective volumes are currently in process.

### Book reviews

- Extended book review of the ecumenical writings of Charles Morerod, O.P.: *Ecumenism and Philosophy*, and *Tradition et Unité des Chrétiens: Le Dogme Comme Condition de Possibilité de l’écuménisme* in *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition: Vol. 6, No. 2 (2008): 473-81.
- *Preambula Fidei Thomism and the God of the Philosophers*, Ralph McInerny, (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2007), *The Thomist*, Vol. 71, No. 4: 633-37.
- *Les Anges et Les Démons. Quatorze leçons de théologie*, Serge-Thomas Bonino, O.P. (Paris: Parole et Silence, 2007), *The Thomist*.
- *The Natural Desire to See God According to St. Thomas Aquinas and His Interpreters*, Lawrence Feingold (Naples, FL: Sapientia Press, 2010), *The Thomist*.
- *Introduction to Scholastic Theology*, Ulrich G. Leinsle (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2010), *First Things* (May/June, 2011).
- *Known by Nature. Thomas Aquinas on Natural Knowledge of God*, Anna Bonta Moreland (New York: Crossroad, 2011), *Journal of Religion*, vol. 92, n. 1, Jan. 2012: 145-47.
- *Analogia Entis. On the Analogy of Being, Metaphysics and the Act of Faith*, Steve A. Long (Notre Dame, IN: Notre Dame University Press, 2011), *Review of Metaphysics* 66 (1):156-158 (2012).
- *Revelation as Testimony: A Philosophical-Theological Study*, Mats Walberg (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Press, 2014), *First Things* (Nov. 2015).

### Representative Journal Essays

- “Why Should Christians Study Philosophy?,” *First Things* (Aug./Sept, 2011).
- “The Priest as Instrument of Christ,” *Nova et Vetera*, Vol. 9, no. 2 (2011).
- “Love’s Greater Freedom,” *First Things* (June/July, 2012).
- “The Tridentine Genius of Vatican II,” *First Things* (Nov. 2012).
- “Sociology as Theology,” *First Things* (June/July, 2013).
- “Aquinas on the Wisdom of the Cross,” *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, Vol. 12, no. 4 (2014): 1029-43.
- “Catholicism in an Age of Discontent,” *First Things* (Nov. 2016).
- “The Metaphysics of Democracy,” *First Things*, Feb. 2017.

## Representative Academic Presentations

In virtue of the work of the Thomistic Institute I have given approximately 10-20 academic presentations a year for the past 10 years. These are across a range from quite academically specialized to more introductory. Below are representative examples of a more academic import. Several others can be found in recorded form at:

<https://soundcloud.com/thomisticinstitute>

- October 31, 2008, “Chalcedonian Christology after Schleiermacher and Barth: Between History and Dogma, A Thomistic Perspective.” Guest lecture at *Duke Divinity School*, Durham, N.C.
- November 17, 2009, “The Divinity of Christ Crucified according to St. Thomas Aquinas,” Conference, “Thomism and the Renewal of Contemporary Theology,” Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.
- April 23, 2010: Invited Seminar Lectures on Nature and Grace in the Dominican Tradition, Fribourg University, Switzerland.
- July 2, 2010: “The Theology of Grace in a Secular Age: Impossible or Inescapable?,” at “Dominicans and the Challenge of Thomism,” Thomistic Institute, Warsaw, Poland, June 30-July 4, 2010.
- Dec. 3, 2010: “True and False Religion and the Common Good: The Role of *Caritas Dei* in *Caritas in Veritate*,” at the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family Studies, Washington D.C.
- Feb. 5, 2011: “Aquinas's Imperfect Happiness and the Ideal Paradigm of Nature-Grace Orthodoxy,” Ave Maria University, Conference on Philosophical Education in Theology, in honor of Ralph McInerny.
- Feb. 16, 2011: “Redeemable Suffering? St. Thomas Aquinas on the Meaning of Human Suffering and the Passion of Christ,” Merton Lecture Series, Columbia University Chaplaincy, at the Columbia Law School.
- May 25, 2011: “The Virgin Mary and the Church: The Marian Exemplarity of Ecclesial Faith,” Academy of Catholic Theology, Washington, D.C.
- June 20, 2011: “Aquinas and Barth on the Communication of Idioms,” Princeton Theological Seminary, Conference: *Aquinas-Barth: An Unofficial Ecumenical Dialogue*.
- June 25, 2011: “Judaic-Christian Reason and the Divine Names of God,” St. Mary’s College, Newburgh, N.Y., at the conference: *Thomas Aquinas and Contemporary Philosophy*.
- Feb. 16, 2012, “Monotheistic Rationality and Divine Names: Why Aquinas’s Analogy Theory Transcends both Theoretical Agnosticism and Conceptual Anthropomorphism.” Blackfriars Hall, Oxford University
- Feb. 26-27, 2013: Lectures on Aquinas’ Philosophy and Theology, *Lumen Christi* Institute, University of Chicago.
- March 12, 2013, “Exodus 3:14: The Metaphysics of the Divine Name: A Theological and Biblical Discussion,” The Catholic University of America.
- April 20, 2013: “Sacraments and the Virtues of Religion,” Conference on the Virtues of Religion, Providence College.
- July 1, 2013: “Thomism after Vatican II,” at “Dominicans and the Renewal of Thomism,” International Conference on Thomism, PFIC, Washington, D.C.

- March 30, 2014, “Aquinas on Imperfect Happiness and the Final End of Man,” DSPT, Berkeley, CA.
- Jan. 27, 2015, “Divine Simplicity and the Holy Trinity,” Annual Aquinas Lecture, Blackfriars, Oxford University.
- Feb. 2, 2015, Annual Aquinas Lecture, Priory Institute, Dublin, Ireland
- July 31, 2015, Lectures in Divine Simplicity, Templeton Seminar, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN
- Dec. 3, 2015, Duke Divinity School: Lecture and Discussion on Aquinas on the Incarnation
- Dec. 15-20, Presentation at John Templeton Foundation grant “Virtue, happiness, and the Meaning of Life,” organized by Candace Vogler and Jennifer Frey, Columbia, South Carolina.
- March 2016: “Aquinas on the Incarnation,” Harvard University.
- June 2016: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Newburgh Aquinas Philosophy Workshop, “Thomistic Principles for thinking about the Right to Religious Freedom.”
- June, 2016: Chicago, Illinois, Presentation on “Aquinas and Nietzsche on Truth,” John Templeton Foundation grant “Virtue, happiness, and the Meaning of Life.”
- June, 2016: “Aquinas and Nietzsche on Truth.” Paris, France, Irish College, “Aquinas and Modern Philosophers” Conference organized by Fran O’Rourke, on
- July, 2016 “Infused Science of Christ,” at Third International Conference on Thomistic Philosophy at Universidad Santo Tomás, Chile, July 19-21 of 2016.
- July 26, 2016: “Infused Science of Christ,” at a workshop at the Dominican School of Theology, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Sept. 10, 2016: “Happiness without Religion?,” New York University Catholic Center.
- Oct., 2016, “Reasonable Redemption? Aquinas on the Ethics of the Atonement,” Brown University.
- Nov., 2016, “Aquinas and Nietzsche on Christianity and Happiness,” Yale University.
- March 2017, “What is Beauty? Aquinas on the Nature of Beauty,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- December, 2017, “After-Christ: Understanding Nietzsche’s Post-Modern Critique of Christianity,” Harvard University.
- Dec. 11, 2018, “Ecclesiology and Sacrament of Confession in Thomistic Perspective,” at the Thomas Institut, Utrecht, Netherlands.
- Sept. 13-14, 2019, presentation at conference on “New Trinitarian Ontologies,” Cambridge University.

### Organization and Direction of Academic Events

In my capacity as Director of the Thomistic Institutes in Washington D.C. and subsequently in Rome, I have organized approximately 300 academic events (conferences or lectures) in the past 10 years.

- Thomistic Circles events at the Dominican House of Studies, 2009-2018.
- Thomistic Circles events at the Catholic Center, New York University, 2012-2018.

- Co-founder with Fr. Dominic Legge, O.P. of the Campus Chapters of the Thomistic Institute, (2015-) <https://thomisticinstitute.org/campus-chapters/>
- Organizer of Annual “Aquinas Philosophy Workshop,” Mount St. Mary’s College, Newburgh, NY, 2009-2018.  
[http://www.msmc.edu/News/inaugural\\_philosophy\\_workshop\\_at\\_mount\\_saint\\_mary\\_.be](http://www.msmc.edu/News/inaugural_philosophy_workshop_at_mount_saint_mary_.be)
- Director of events at the Thomistic Institute at the Angelicum in Rome, 2018-  
<https://angelicum.it/thomistic-institute/thomistic-events/>

### Representative Interviews

- <https://www.bigquestionsonline.com/2017/07/20/human-person-naturally-religious/>
- <https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2017/08/catholicism-in-the-modern-world>
- <http://www.catholicworldreport.com/2017/10/03/we-cannot-love-what-do-not-know-an-interview-with-fr-thomas-joseph-white-o-p/>