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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Conception Seminary College, 2017 to present.

SPECIALTY AND COMPETENCE

AOS Medieval Philosophy, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion.

AOC Ethics, Logic, Ancient and Early Modern Philosophy.

EDUCATION

PhD Philosophy, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, 2017.

Dissertation: “Medieval Problems of Secondary Causation and Divine Concurrence.”

Advisor: Giorgio Pini.

Dissertation Committee: Marilyn McCord Adams / Gloria Frost (external reader, Rutgers / UST), Brian Davies, Christopher Cullen, Dana Miller.

Diploma Diploma Programme in Manuscript Studies, PONTIFICAL INSTITUTE OF MEDIAEVAL STUDIES, Toronto, 2016.

Advisor: Timothy Noone (CUA).

MA Medieval Studies, CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, 2010 (with distinction).

Thesis: “The Concept and Role of *Experimentum* in John Buridan’s *Physics* Commentary.”

Advisor: György Geréby.

BA/MA Philosophy, EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY (Budapest, HU), 2009.

Thesis: “Empiricism in the Middle Ages.”

Advisor: Gábor Borbély.

BS/MS Mathematics, EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY (Budapest, HU), 2009.

Thesis: “Descartes’s *Geometry* and Some of Its Applications.”

Advisor: Gábor Kutrovácz.

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

2016 “Peter of Palude on Divine Concurrence: An Edition of His *In Sent.* II, d.1, q.4,” *Recherches de Théologie et Philosophie Médiévales* 83, 49–92.

2015 “Descartes’s *Optics* and Medieval Theories of Vision: What Makes an Explanation Causal?” In *Perspective in Early Modern Philosophy*, ed. Tamás Pavlovits and Dániel Schmal, Budapest: Gondolat Kiado, 51–65.

2011 “Scientific Method in John Buridan,” *Annual of Medieval Studies at CEU* 17, ed. Alice Choyke and Daniel Ziemann, Budapest: CEU Press, 23–40.

- 2010 “Aquinas and Buridan on the Possibility of Scientific Knowledge,” In *Thomas Aquinas and Thomism Today*, ed. Bulcsú K. Hoppál, Budapest: L’Harmattan, 163–174.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2018 *On Evil, Providence, and Freedom: A New Reading of Molina*, by Mark B. Wiebe, Northern Illinois University Press, 2017, *Journal of Analytic Theology* 6, 799–805.
- 2016 *Aristotle in Aquinas’s Theology*, ed. Gilles Emery and Matthey Levering, OUP 2015, *Themelios* 41, 545–547.
- 2010 “Borbély Gábor és a középkori filozófia” [Gabor Borbely, *Medieval Philosophy*], *Magyar Filozófiai Szemle* [Hungarian Philosophical Review] 54, 157–160.

PHILOSOPHICAL TRANSLATIONS

- 2016 Descartes, *Dioptrique* (with Daniel Schmal, Tamas Pavlovits, and Balint Kekedi). Budapest: Gondolat (Translation from French to Hungarian).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “What the Causal Structure of the World after the Day of Judgment Can Tell Us about the Causal Structure of the World Now” (ms. ready to send out).
- “Durand of St.-Pourçain on Gappy Existence” (in progress).

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED TALKS

- 2018 “On the Supposed Necessary Connection between Causes and Effects,” *CLPS-DWMC Symposium*, Leuven.
- “Durand of St.-Pourçain on Causal Interactions after the Day of Judgment,” *Morris Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, Boulder, CO.
- 2017 “Aquinas on Causes, Effects, and Their Alleged Necessary Connection,” *Aquinas and Analytic Philosophy*, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.
- 2016 “William Ockham and Pierre d’Ailly on Genuine and Sine quibus non Causes,” *Medieval Natural Philosophy*, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN.
- 2015 “Was Giles a Thomist about Divine Concurrence?” *The University of Toronto Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, Toronto.
- 2014 “Aquinas on Secondary Causes,” *Dissertation Colloquium*, Fordham University.
- “Descartes and Late Medieval Explanations of Vision: What Makes a Causal Explanation Causal?” *Early Modern Perspectives*, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest.

ACCEPTED UNDER ANONYMOUS REVIEW

- 2018 “What the Causal Structure of the New Earth can Tell us about the Causal Structure of the Present One,” *Theories of Causal Powers in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Century*, KU Leuven.
- 2017 “Durand of St.-Pourçain on Causal Powers after the Day of Judgment,” *Annual meeting of the Americal Catholic Philosophical Association*, Dallas, TX.
- 2016 “Miracles Against Nature,” *Special Divine Action*, AAR Symposium, San Antonio.

- “Is There a Necessary Connection Between Cause and Effect?” *34th annual joint meeting of the SAGP*, Fordham University, New York.
- “Nebuchadnezzar’s Fire and Causal Powers,” *Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers*, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB.
- “Peter of Palude on Secondary Causes and Divine Concurrence,” *51st International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- 2015 “Aquinas on Divine Concurrence and Qualitative Change,” *33rd annual joint meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy with the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science*, Fordham University, New York.
- “Who Is Responsible for Change? The Debate Between Durand of St.-Pourcain and Peter of Palude,” *Thirteenth- and Fourteenth-century Thought on Change*, KU Leuven.
- “Thought Experiments in John Buridan’s *Treatise on the Void*,” *Medieval Thought Experiments: Poetry and Speculation in Europe, 1100–1450*, New College, Oxford.
- “Understanding the Tongues of Fire: What Nebuchadnezzar’s Fire Can Tell Us about Divine Concurrence and Causal Powers,” *Change and Its Challenges: An Interdisciplinary Academic Conference*, Fordham University.
- 2014 “Mere Conservationism and Its Metaphysical Commitments,” *Divine Action in the World*, Analytic Theology Project, Innsbruck, Austria.
- “Why to Get Rid of the Small Flitting Images: Descartes’s *Optics* and Some Medieval Theories of Vision,” *Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, University of New Mexico.
- 2013 “Scotus on Modality and the Argument for God’s Existence,” *31st annual joint meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy with the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science*, Fordham University, New York.
- 2012 “The Role of *Species* in Descartes’s *Optics*,” *Scientiae: Disciplines of Knowing in the Early Modern World*, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver.
- 2011 “Are Horse-legs Horses? Buridan on Material Constitution,” *Graduate Symposium*, Fordham University.
- 2009 “Aquinas and Buridan on the Possibility of Scientific Knowledge,” *Thomas Aquinas and Thomism of Today*, Conference of the Hungarian Thomas Aquinas Society.
- 2007 “Ockham, Autrecourt, and Modern Skepticism,” *National Students’ Conference on Science and Humanities*, Pécs, HU.

TALKS RELATED TO PEDAGOGY

- 2014 “Reflection Exercises in a Philosophy Class,” invited paper, Conference on Jesuit Pedagogy, Fordham University.
- 2013 “Challenges in Teaching Philosophy,” invited panel participant, Fordham University.

PUBLIC TALKS

- 2016 “Experiments in Medieval Science and Alchemy.” Hungarian Consulate, NYC.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2016 AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION Small Grant award, to organize a conference focusing on emerging women scholars working in Medieval Philosophy (Website: <https://medphilworkshop.wordpress.com>); \$3,000.
- 2014–15 Tomasic Research Fellowship, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY (competitive research fellowship for Medievalists at Fordham, amount: \$24,500).
- 2010–15 HUNGARIAN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FUND, “Theories of Perspective and Cognition in Early Modern Philosophy,” participating member (project leader: Dániel Schmal) (competitive Hungarian national grant in the sciences and humanities, \$10,000 for the whole project).
- 2012 Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Fellowship, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY (competitive grant within Fordham, amount: \$4,000).
- 2011–12 MELLON Summer Fellowship (competitive international grant, amount: \$11,000 total).
- 2010 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, Central European University, SOROS FOUNDATION (awarded for the student with the best GPA; amount: ca. \$250).
- 2005–06 Erasmus Grant, University of Tübingen, TEMPUS PUBLIC FOUNDATION (competitive European grant to support study abroad).

TEACHING AND PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITY

CLASSES TAUGHT

Medieval Philosophy, Conception Seminary College (2018 Spring).
Metaphysics, Conception Seminary College (2018 Spring).
Ancient Philosophy, Conception Seminary College (2017 Fall).
Philosophical Ethics, Fordham University (2015 Summer, 2015 Fall, 2016 Spring, 2016 Fall), Conception Seminary College (2017 Fall).
Philosophy of Human Nature, Fordham University (2012 Fall, 2013 Spring, 2013 Fall, 2014 Spring).

ADVANCED PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITIES

Jesuit Pedagogy Seminar, participant, Fordham University, 2014.
Eloquentia Perfecta certification, Fordham University, 2012 (certification to teach speaking- and writing-intensive courses).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

SUMMER SEMINARS

- 2018 Christian Learning, Christian Education, Christian Living. FIDES ET RATIO SEMINAR, Lincoln, NE.
- 2014 Divine Action in the World. ANALYTIC THEOLOGY PROJECT (Templeton), Innsbruck, Austria (competitive summer seminar funded by the Templeton Foundation).

- 2011–12 Diploma Programme in Manuscript Studies. THE PONTIFICAL INSTITUTE OF MEDIAEVAL STUDIES, American Academy, Rome; PIMS, Toronto (competitive summer seminar funded by the Mellon Foundation).
- 2011 Aquinas and Peter Geach. THE WITHERSPOON INSTITUTE, Princeton University (competitive summer seminar funded by the Witherspoon Institute).
- 2008 Religion and Politics: The Presence of Sacred and Secular Traditions in Europe and the Middle East. CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, Budapest (competitive summer seminar funded by the Soros Foundation).

REFeree WORK

Annals of Philosophy
 History of Philosophy Quarterly
 Irish Theological Quarterly

ACADEMIC OFFICES HELD

- 2016 Intern, Rare Books and Manuscript Library, Columbia University, with Consuelo Dutschke.
- 2013–14 Graduate Assistant editor for *Traditio: Studies in Ancient and Medieval Thought, History, and Religion* (editor: Joseph Lienhard)
- 2010–12 Graduate Research Assistant, Fordham University, with Brian Davies.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2017–18 Chapter Adviser, Phi Sigma Tau National Honor Society in Philosophy.
- 2017–18 Academic Affairs Committee member, Conception Seminary College.
- 2016–17 Faculty Meetings Graduate Student Representative (elected position), Fordham University.
- 2015–17 Organizer, Dissertation Colloquium, Fordham University.
- 2015–16 Organizer, Workshops in Philosophy of Religion (recent speakers: Marilyn McCord Adams, John Pittard, Samuel Lebens, Eleonore Stump, John E Hare). Website: <http://zitavtoth.com/public/archive/Religion/>.
- 2014–16 Member of the departmental Climate Committee (elected position).
- 2012–15 Coordinator, Latin reading group, Fordham Philosophy Department.
- 2014–15 Faculty Meetings Graduate Student Representative (elected position).
- 2013–14 Vice President, Fordham Philosophical Society (elected position).

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

American Catholic Philosophical Association
 Society of Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy
 American Philosophical Association