

# ZITA VERONIKA TÓTH

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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Postdoctoral Research Assistant and Lecturer, University of Virginia, 2019–2020.  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Conception Seminary College, 2017–2019.

## SPECIALTY AND COMPETENCE

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*AOS* Medieval Philosophy, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion.  
*AOC* Ethics, Logic, Ancient Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy up to Kant.

## EDUCATION

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- 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 Kutrovátz.

## TEACHING AND PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITY

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- Courses* Aristotle, UVA (2019 Fall).
- taught* Ancient Philosophy, Conception Seminary College (2017 Fall, 2018 Fall).  
Medieval Philosophy, Conception Seminary College (2018 Spring, 2019 Spring).  
17th-Century Philosophy, UVA (2019 Fall).  
Philosophical Ethics, Fordham University (2015 Summer, 2015 Fall, 2016 Spring, 2016 Fall), Conception Seminary College (2017 Fall, 2018 Fall).  
Metaphysics, Conception Seminary College (2018 Spring, 2019 Spring).

Philosophy of Human Nature, Fordham University (2012 Fall, 2013 Spring, 2013 Fall, 2014 Spring).

The Contemplative Life in Aristotle, Aquinas, and Josef Pieper, Conception Seminary College (2018 Fall).

Ancient Greek (tutorial), Conception Seminary College (2018 Fall).

Euclidean Geometry, Conception Seminary College (2019 Spring).

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

## PUBLICATIONS

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

“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, 2015, 51–65.

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

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

*Reviews* *On Evil, Providence, and Freedom: A New Reading of Molina*, by Mark B. Wiebe, Northern Illinois University Press, 2017, *Journal of Analytic Theology* 6 (2018): 799–805.

*Aristotle in Aquinas’s Theology*, ed. Gilles Emery and Matthey Levering, OUP 2015, *Themelios* 41 (2016), 545–547.

“Borbély Gábor és a középkori filozófia” [Gabor Borbely, *Medieval Philosophy*], *Magyar Filozófiai Szemle* [Hungarian Philosophical Review] 54 (2010): 157–160.

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

*In progress* “Perfect Subjects, Shields, and Retraction: Three Models of Impassibility” (under review).

“Ockham on Divine Concurrence” (ms. ready to be sent out).

“Scotus, Ockham, and Gabriel Biel on *sine qua non* Causes” (ms. almost ready to be sent out).

Richard Rufus and John Peckham on Impassibility (in progress).

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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“Scotus, Ockham, and Biel on *sine qua non* Causes,” *Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies*, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO, 2019.

“Ockham on Divine Concurrence,” *Annual meeting of the Americal Catholic Philosophical Association*, San Antonio, CA, 2018.

- “On the Supposed Necessary Connection between Causes and Effects,” *CLPS-DWMC Symposium*, Leuven, 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, 2018.
- “Durand of St.-Pourçain on Causal Interactions after the Day of Judgment,” *Morris Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, Boulder, CO, 2018
- “Aquinas on Causes, Effects, and Their Alleged Necessary Connection,” *Aquinas and Analytic Philosophy*, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, 2017
- “Miracles Against Nature,” *Special Divine Action*, AAR Symposium, San Antonio, 2016.
- “Nebuchadnezzar’s Fire and Causal Powers,” *Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers*, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, 2016.
- “William Ockham and Pierre d’Ailly on Genuine and Sine quibus non Causes,” *Medieval Natural Philosophy*, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, 2016
- “Peter of Palude on Secondary Causes and Divine Concurrence,” *51<sup>st</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, 2016.
- “Was Giles a Thomist about Divine Concurrence?” *The University of Toronto Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, Toronto, 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, 2015.
- “Who Is Responsible for Change? The Debate Between Durand of St.-Pourçain and Peter of Palude,” *Thirteenth- and Fourteenth-century Thought on Change*, KU Leuven, 2015.
- “Thought Experiments in John Buridan’s *Treatise on the Void*,” *Medieval Thought Experiments: Poetry and Speculation in Europe, 1100–1450*, New College, Oxford, 2015.
- “Mere Conservationism and Its Metaphysical Commitments,” *Divine Action in the World*, Analytic Theology Project, Innsbruck, Austria, 2014.
- “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, 2014.
- “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, 2013.
- “The Role of *Species* in Descartes’s *Optics*,” *Scientiae: Disciplines of Knowing in the Early Modern World*, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, 2012.
- Pedagogy* “Reflection Exercises in a Philosophy Class,” invited paper, Conference on Jesuit Pedagogy, Fordham University, 2014.
- “Challenges in Teaching Philosophy,” invited panel participant, Fordham University, 2013.
- Public* “Experiments in Medieval Science and Alchemy.” Hungarian Consulate, NYC, 2016.

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

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AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION Small Grant award, to organize a conference focusing on emerging women scholars working in Medieval Philosophy (Website: <https://medphilworkshop.wordpress.com>); 2016. \$3,000.

Tomasic Research Fellowship, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY (competitive research fellowship for Medievalists at Fordham, 2014–15. \$24,500).

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, 2010–15. \$10,000 for the whole project).

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Fellowship, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY (competitive grant within Fordham, 2012. \$4,000).

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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*Seminars* Church Fathers, Doctors, Popes, and Sacred Art and Music. FIDES ET RATIO SEMINAR, Merrimack, NH, 2019. Funded by the Faith and Reason Institute.

Christian Learning, Christian Education, Christian Living. FIDES ET RATIO SEMINAR, Lincoln, NE, 2018. Funded by the Faith and Reason Institute.

Divine Action in the World. ANALYTIC THEOLOGY PROJECT (Templeton), Innsbruck, Austria, 2014 (competitive summer seminar funded by the Templeton Foundation).

Diploma Programme in Manuscript Studies. THE PONTIFICAL INSTITUTE OF MEDIEVAL STUDIES, American Academy, Rome; PIMS, Toronto, 2011–12 (competitive summer seminar funded by the Mellon Foundation).

Aquinas and Peter Geach. THE WITHERSPOON INSTITUTE, Princeton University, 2011 (competitive summer seminar funded by the Witherspoon Institute).

Religion and Politics: The Presence of Sacred and Secular Traditions in Europe and the Middle East. CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, Budapest, 2008 (competitive summer seminar funded by the Soros Foundation).

*Referee* Annals of Philosophy

History of Philosophy Quarterly

Irish Theological Quarterly

*Offices* Intern, Rare Books and Manuscript Library, Columbia University, with Consuelo Dutschke, 2016.

Graduate Assistant Editor for *Traditio: Studies in Ancient and Medieval Thought, History, and Religion* (editor: Joseph Lienhard), 2013–14

Graduate Research Assistant, Fordham University, with Brian Davies, 2010–12.

*Service* APA Central Program Committee Member, 2020.

Coordinator, Latin reading group, Conception Seminary College, 2018–19.

Chapter Advisor, Phi Sigma Tau National Honor Society in Philosophy, 2017–19.

Academic Affairs Committee member, Conception Seminary College, 2017–19.

Faculty Meetings Graduate Student Representative (elected position), Fordham University, 2016–17.

Organizer, Dissertation Colloquium, Fordham University, 2015–17.

Organizer, Workshops in Philosophy of Religion (speakers: Marilyn McCord Adams, John Pittard, Samuel Lebens, Eleonore Stump, John E Hare), 2015–16. Website: <http://zitavtoth.com/public/archive/Religion/>.

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

## REFERENCES

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Giorgio Pini (Dissertation advisor, Fordham University), [pini@fordham.edu](mailto:pini@fordham.edu).

Gloria Frost (University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN), [fros0034@stthomas.edu](mailto:fros0034@stthomas.edu).

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