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Specialty and Competence

AOS Medieval Philosophy, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion.

AOC Ancient Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, Ethics, Logic.

Employment

Current Lecturer in Philosophy, King's College London, 2022-.

Employment Postdoctoral Research Associate, Studying Medieval Hylomorphism Whole Project

history (KUL C14/20/007), KU Leuven, Belgium, 2021–2022.

Ruth Norman Halls Research Associate, The Richard Rufus Project, Indiana University,

Bloomington IN, 2020–2021.

 $Postdoctoral\ Research\ Associate\ and\ Lecturer,\ University\ of\ Virginia,\ Charlottes ville$

VA, 2019-2020.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Conception Seminary College, Conception MO, 2017–2019.

Education

PhD Philosophy, Fordham University, 2017.

Dissertation: "Medieval Problems of Secondary Causation and Divine Concurrence." Advisor: Giorgio Pini.

MA Medieval Studies, Central European University, 2010 (with distinction). Advisor: György Geréby.

BA/MA Philosophy, Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest, HU), 2009.

BS/MS Mathematics, Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest, HU), 2009.

Diploma Programme in Manuscript Studies, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto, 2011–12, advisor: Timothy Noone (CUA).

Publications

Journal "Heavenly Stuff: Peter Auriol on the Materiality of Angels and Celestial Bodies," Oxford articles Studies in Medieval Philosophy 11 (2025): 124–148.

"What's the Matter with Angels? Angelic Materiality and the Possible Intellect in Some Early Fourteenth-Century Franciscans," *Revista Española de Filosofía Medieval* 31 (2024): 251–274.

(with Russell Friedman) "Introduction: Special Issue on Late Medieval Hylomorphism," *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 97 (2023): 431–439.

"Sine qua non Causes and Their Discontents," Res Philosophica 99 (2022): 139-167.

"Perfect Subjects, Shields, and Retractions: Three Models of Impassibility," *Vivarium* 59 (2021): 79–101.

"Peter of Palude and the Fiery Furnace," History of Philosophy Quarterly 37 (2020): 121–142.

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"Ockham on Divine Concurrence," Saint Anselm Journal 15 (2019): 81-105.

"Forma és individualitás Arisztotelész ontológiájában" ["Form and Individuality in Aristotle's Ontology."] Elpis 2009/1.

"Hogyan szabaduljunk meg a repülö képecskéktől: Descartes Dioptrique-ja es a középkori ismeretelmélet" ["How to Get Rid of the Little Flying Images: Descartes' Optics and Medieval Theories of Vision"], Világosság 2008(11-12): 441-464.

Book "Creation," In The Origins of Scholasticism, ed. Lydia Schumacher. Cambridge: Camchapters bridge University Press, accepted.

> "Creation and Divine Concurrence," In The Oxford Handbook of Medieval Franciscan Thought, ed. Andrew Rosato and Lydia Schumacher. Oxford: Oxford University Press, accepted.

> "Aufredo Gonteri Brito on Divine Concurrence with Sinful Volitions," In Primary and Secondary Causality, ed. Dragos Calma, Tobias Hoffmann, and Giuseppe Thomas Vitale. London: Routledge, accepted.

> "Auriol on Divine Concurrence and Secondary Causes," In Reading Auriol: New Studies on His Texts and Thought, ed. Giacomo Fornasieri and Chiara Paladini. Leuven: Leuven University Press, accepted.

> "'They Tend into Nothing by Their Own Nature': Rufus and an Anonymous De Generatione Commentary on the Principles of Corruptibility," In Early Thirteenth-Century English Franciscan Thought, ed. Lydia Schumacher. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2021, 199–220.

> (with Rega Wood) "Nec idem nec aliud: The Powers of the Soul and the Origins of the Formal Distinction," In Early Thirteenth-Century English Franciscan Thought, ed. Lydia Schumacher. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2021, 171-198.

> "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 Kiadó, 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.

Critical "Aufredo Gonteri Brito on Divine Concurrence with Sinful Volitional Acts: An Edition editions of His In Sent. II, d. 37." In Primary and Secondary Causality, ed. Dragos Calma, Tobias Hoffmann, and Giuseppe Thomas Vitale. London: Routledge, accepted.

> "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.

Review "Recent Work on Aquinas's Metaphysics" (Gloria Frost, Aquinas on Efficient Causation article and Causal Powers, Cambridge University Press, 2022; Can Laurens Löwe, Thomas Aguinas on the Metaphysics of the Human Act, Cambridge University Press, 2021; Thomas M. Osborne, Thomas Aquinas on Virtue, Cambridge University Press, 2022), British Journal for the History of Philosophy, 2023.

Book Marilyn McCord Adams, Housing the Powers: Medieval Debates about Dependence reviews on God, Oxford University Press, 2022. Journal of the History of Philosophy 62 (2024): 662-663.

Christina Van Dyke, Hidden Wisdom: Medieval Contemplatives on Self-Knowledge, Reason, Love, Persons, and Immortality, Oxford University Press, 2022. Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, 07.02.2023.

Tobias Hoffmann, Free Will and the Rebel Angels in Medieval Philosophy, Cambridge University Press, 2020, Faith and Philosophy 39 (2022): 176–179.

Gábor Borbély and Dániel Schmal, ed., *Középkori filozófia szöveggyűjtemény* [An Anthology of Medieval Philosophy], L'Harmattan Budapest, 2019. *Elpisz Kritérion* (2022): 153–160.

Pere Daguí, *Tractatus formalitatum brevis; Tractatus de differentia*, ed. Claus A Andersen et al., Santa Coloma de Queralt: Obrador Edèndum, UAB, Institut d'Estudis Catalans, Publications URV, 2018. *The Medieval Review* 2020.

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

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

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

Translations Descartes, *Dioptrique* (with Dániel Schmal, Tamás Pavlovits, and Bálint Kékedi). Budapest: Gondolat, 2016 (Translation from French to Hungarian).

Special Editor (with Fedor Benevich), British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Special issues Issue on Eastern and Western Medieval Philosophy (proposal accepted).

Editor (with Russell Friedman), *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, Special Issue on Medieval Hylomorphism (2023).

Outreach Interview with Colleen McCluskey (with Sokratis-Athanasios Kiosoglou), Leuven Philosophy Newsletter 29 (2021–22): 41–45.

In progress Durand of St.-Pourçain on whether God can recreate numerically the same individual (in progress, with Adam Wood).

Fourteenth-century theories of celestial matter

Pure potency and the possible intellect

Walter Burley, *De formis*, translation in progress (with Russell Friedman et al.). John Buridan, *In Ethicorum*, translation in progress (with Peter Hartman et al.).

Talks given in the last 5 years

"Little Souls, Great Aims: The Role of Teleology in Aquinas's Theory of Causal Powers"

- · Aquinas at 800, invited semi-plenary talk, University of Notre Dame, IN, 2024.
- · Centre for Late Antique and Medieval Studies, KCL, 2024.
- · Research seminar, KU Leuven, 2024.

"Divine Causation and Creation in the Franciscan Tradition"

- · Theology and Religious Studies Seminar, KCL, 2024.
- · Faith, Reason, and Truth, Collegium Johannis Pauli II, Lublin, 2023.

"Some Background to Suarez's Scepticism about the Argument for an Unmoved Mover"

- · Sceptical Trends in the European Universities of the Early Modern Period,
- · Hamburg, 2023.

"Divine Concurrence with Sinful Volitions in Aufredo Gonteri Brito"

- · UK Medieval Philosophy Network, London, 2023.
- · Primary and Secondary Causality, Vienna, 2023.

"Celestial Stuff: Peter Auriol on the Matter of Angels and Celestial Bodies"

· Invited Lecture, University of Würzburg, 2022.

"How Many Matters? The Problem of Celestial Matter in Some Early 14th-Century Thinkers"

· The XVth International Congress of the SIEPM, 2022.

"Angelic Mental Acts and Universal Hylomorphism in Some Early 14th-Century Franciscans"

· Powers of the Soul in the Franciscan Tradition, KCL, 2022.

Matterless Celestial Bodies in Durand of St.-Pourçain, John of Jandun, and Peter Auriol

- · Invited Lecture, Gothenburg, SE, 2022.
- · APA Central, SMRP Satellite Session, Chicago, 2022.
- · Materia, Qì, and their Epistemes, KU-Leuven-UST Beijing, 2021.

Causal Powers and Teleology

- · Causal Powers in Late Medieval Philosophy, Stockholm, 2022.
- · Teloi research group, Central European University, 2021.

"Durand of St.-Pourçain on Gappy Existence," with Adam Wood

· SMRP Inaugural Conference, Notre Dame, IN, 2021.

Roundtable discussion on Tobias Hoffmann, Free Will and the Rebel Angels in Medieval Philosophy, Inaugural Conference of the SMRP, Notre Dame, IN, 2021.

"Albert and Aquinas on Virtual Containment"

· APA Central, SMRP Satellite Session, Chicago, 2020.

Outreach "Curiosity in the Middle Ages." Talk at the opening of the Curiosity Cabinet, KCL, 2023.

"The Metaphysics of Stars in Medieval Philosophy." Talk at Eton College, 2023.

"Experiments in Medieval Science and Alchemy." Public lecture, Hungarian Consulate, NYC, 2016.

Teaching and Pedagogical Activity

Classes Aristotle (UVA 2019A; KCL 2025S).

Ancient Philosophy (CSC 2017A, 2018A).

Medieval Philosophy (CSC 2018S, 2019S; UVA 2020S; IU with Rega Wood, 2020A; KCL 2022A, 2024A).

17th-Century Philosophy (UVA 2019A).

Philosophical Ethics (Fordham 2015S, 2015A, 2016S, 2016A; CSC 2017A, 2018A).

Metaphysics (CSC 2018S, 2019S; KU Leuven 2022S; KCL 2023A).

Philosophy of Religion (KCL 2023S, 2024S).

Philosophy of Human Nature (Fordham 2012A, 2013S, 2013A, 2014S).

The Contemplative Life in Aristotle, Aquinas, and Josef Pieper (CSC independent study, 2018A).

Ancient Greek (CSC tutorial, 2018A).

Euclidean Geometry (CSC 2019S).

Summer Textual Editing: philosophical and theological texts throughout the Middle Ages (cocourses taught with Daniel Hadas), London International Palaeography Summer School, 2025.

> The Problem of Free Will in Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy summer school, Badacsonyörs, Hungary, 2024.

Advising Undergraduate, MA, and PhD dissertation advising (KCL)

MPhil advising (KCL)

Personal tutoring (CSC, KCL)

External PhD examiner, University of Birmingham, 2025

Groups KCL Latin Philosophy Reading Group, convenor

Virtual Latin Paleography Group, organiser, 2020-.

Termini logicales, with Dominic Dold (Notre Dame), co-convenor, 2025. Latin reading group, organiser, Conception Seminary College, 2018–19.

Talks "Life in Academia," Common Seminar Roundtable, KU Leuven, 2021.

"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.

Certificates Jesuit Pedagogy certificate, Fordham University, 2014.

Eloquentia Perfecta certification, Fordham University, 2012 (certification to teach speaking- and writing-intensive courses).

Grants and Awards

Conference £4,400 for Bridges between Parallel Paths: Arabic-Islamic and Latin-Christian Mefunding dieval Philosophies, KCL Research Council, The British Society for the History of Philosophy, Mind Association, The Aristotelian Society, 2025.

> \$3,000 for Women scholars working in Medieval Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, small grant award, 2016.

Research Research fellowship, Human abilities project, Centre for Advanced Studies in the fellowships Humanities, Humboldt Universität Berlin, September-December 2025.

> KU Leuven Internal Grant KUL C14/20/007 (PI: Russell Friedman). KU Leuven. 2021-2022.

> Ruth Norman Halls Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Indiana University Bloomington, 2020-2021.

> 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).

Erasmus Grant, University of Tübingen, Tempus Public Foundation, 2005–2006.

Scholarships, The Bishop J.R.H. Moorman Scholarship, Gladstones Library, 2024 (1-week long resibursaries dential fellowship).

The Professor Carl SP Hunter Mid-career Scholarship, Heythrop Library, 2024.

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

Mellon Summer Fellowship (competitive international grant, 2011–12. \$11,000 total). Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, Fordham University, 2013. \$1,200).

Awards Teaching Excellence Award nomination, KCL, 2024.

PGR Supervisor Excellence Award nomination, KCL, 2024.

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, Central European University, Soros Foundation (awarded for the student with the best GPA: 2010. Ca. \$250).

Second prize, National Students' Conference on Science and Humanitites (OTDK), Hungary, 2007.

Professional Service

Events Bridges Between Parallel Paths: Medieval Philosophy East and West conference, coorganised organiser, KCL, June 2025.

King's History of Philosophy Seminar Series (KHOPS), coordinator, 2022-.

SMRP special sessions at the BSHP annual conference (Liverpool, 2024).

SIEPM panel, "Hylomorphism: Matters of Matter" (SIEPM, Paris, 2022).

Late Medieval Hylomorphism Conference, co-organiser, KU Leuven, 2022.

KU Leuven Colloquia in Medieval Philosophy, co-founder, 2021–2022.

Knowability and the Limits of Knowedge seminar, co-organiser, KU Leuven, 2021.

Women On Medieval Philosophy Conference, co-organiser, KU Leuven, 2021.

APA Central panels, "How to Teach the History of Philosophy," and "Sine qua non Causation in Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy," Chicago, 2020.

Workshop in Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, co-organiser, Fordham, 2017.

Dissertation Colloquium, organiser, Fordham University, 2015-17.

Workshops in Philosophy of Religion, organiser (speakers: Marilyn McCord Adams, John Pittard, Samuel Lebens, Eleonore Stump, John E Hare), 2015-16.

Editorial Collegii St Bonaventurae, International Centre for Franciscan Study and Research

boards (Quaracchi), 2025-.

Book Review Editor, Speculum, 2024-.

Auctores Britannici Medii Aevi Editorial Committee, 2022-.

Committees KCL Centre for Late Antique and Medieval Studies, board, 2024-.

British Society for the History of Philosophy Management Committee, 2023-.

SMRP Executive Committee and Programme board chair, 2023-.

London Palaeography Teachers' Group, 2023-.

SCP Central and Eastern European Committee, 2021–2024.

APA Central Program Committee, 2020.

Admin roles UG assessment sub-board deputy chair, KCL, 2024-.

Departmental AI lead, KCL, 2024-.

History of Philosophy Research Cluster lead, KCL, 2022-.

AHRC rapid grant committee, KCL, 2022-.

Faculty Education Committee, ECR representative, KCL, 2024–2025.

ECR representative, KCL, 2022-2025.

Alumni and External Relations lead, KCL, 2022-2024.

Curriculum Review Committee, CSC, 2017-19.

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

Faculty Meetings Graduate Student Representative, Fordham University, 2014-15, 2016-17.

Departmental Climate Committee, Fordham University, 2014–16.

Vice President, Fordham Philosophical Society, 2013–14.

Referee National Science Centre Poland, Swiss National Science Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly, Annals of Philosophy, British Journal for the History of Philosophy, History of Philosophy and Logical Analysis, History of Philosophy Quarterly, Irish Theological Quarterly, Magyar Filozófiai Szemle [Hungarian Journal of Philosophy], Open Philosophy, Topoi.

Other Professional Activities

Seminars Church Fathers, Doctors, Popes, and Sacred Art and Music. Fides et Ratio Seminar, attended 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 Mediaeval 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).

Memberships Société Internationale pour l'Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale

American Catholic Philosophical Association

Society of Christian Philosophers

Society of Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

British Society for the History of Philosophy

References

Giorgio Pini (dissertation advisor, Fordham University)

Russell Friedman (KU Leuven)

Gloria Frost (University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN)

Martin Pickavé (University of Toronto)

José Filipe Pereira da Silva (University of Helsinki)

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