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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Philosophy), University of Texas at Austin. Thesis: "Aquinas' Notion of Science: Its 12th Century Roots and Aristotelian Transformation."

M.A. (Philosophy), University of Texas at Austin.

B.A. *magna cum laude* (Philosophy), University of Dallas.

Certificat des Études Pratiques de Français, University of Lyon, France.

POSITIONS

1992- present, Associate Professor, Boston College

1990-1992, Assistant Professor, Boston College

1986-1990, Assistant Professor, Marquette University

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Medieval Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy and Literature

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Modern Philosophy, Literary Theory, Ethical Theory

LANGUAGES

French, German, Medieval Latin, Spanish, Ancient Greek

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Alexander von Humboldt Fellow, Aug. 1994 - Aug. 1995, in Freiburg, Germany.
Sponsor: Professor Klaus Jacobi, Chair and Professor, Philosophisches Seminar II,
Universität Freiburg

NEH Summer Institute, Summer 1989: "Christendom and the High Middle Ages," The
Medieval Institute, University of Notre Dame.

Marquette University: Summer Faculty Fellowship, Summer 1987.

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): Research Grant Recipient, Sept. 1985 -
Dec. 1985. Supervising Professor: Prof. Albert Zimmermann, Thomas-Institut,
Universität Köln.

University of Texas: University Fellowship Recipient, Sept. 1985 - May 1986.

ACADEMIC HONORS

University of Texas: Council of Graduate Schools/ University Microfilms International
Distinguished Dissertation Award Nominee in Humanities/Fine Arts, 1988.

University of Texas: Outstanding Dissertation Award, 1987. (Awarded to three of over
six hundred 1986-1987 graduates.)

Comitatus: St. Nicholas Prize for the most outstanding contribution, 1985.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

*Words in the Absence of Things: Logic, Theology and Poetry in Boethius, Anselm, Abelard, and
Alan of Lille*, St. Martin's Press (Palgrave/Macmillan), March 2006.

Articles:

"Aquinas' Three levels of Divine Predication in Dante's Paradiso," *Comitatus*, Vol. 16
(1985), pp. 29-45.

"The Anticlaudianus and the 'Proper' Language of Theology," *Essays in Medieval Studies*,
Vol. 4 (Fall, 1987), pp. 45-55.

"Metaphysics and its Distinction from Sacred Doctrine in Aquinas," *Knowledge and
Medieval Philosophy*, Reijo Työrinoja, Anja Inkeri Lehtinen, Dagfinn Føllesdal, eds.,

(Helsinki: Annals of the Finnish Society for Missiology and Ecumenics, 1990), Vol. m, pp. 162-170.

"From Determined Motion to Undetermined Will: Aristotelian Change and Free Choice in Aquinas," *Philosophical Topics*, 2, 2, (Fall 1992), pp. 189-214.

"Aquinas' Double Metaphysics of Simplicity and Infinity," *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 33 (September 1993), pp. 297-317.

"Rewriting the Narrative of Scripture: 12th Century Debates Over Reason and Theological Form," *Medieval Philosophy and Theology*, 3, (1993), pp. 1-34.

"Three Notions of Analysis (*Resolutio*) and the Structure of Reasoning in Aquinas," *The Thomist*, 58, 2, (April 1994), pp. 197-243.

"Hugh of St. Victor: The Augustinian Tradition of Sacred and Secular Reading Revised," in *Reading and Wisdom: The De Doctrina Christiana of Augustine in the Middle Ages*, ed. Edward D. English, University of Notre Dame Press, 1995, pp. 61-83.

"Supposition, Signification, and Universals: Metaphysical and Linguistic Complexity in Aquinas," *Freiburger Zeitschrift für Philosophie und Theologie*, 42, Heft 3, (1995), pp. 267-290.

"Aquinas on Individuation and the Body," *Miscellanea Mediaevalia*, vol. 24 (1996), pp. 178-196.

"Restructuring Desire: Aquinas, Descartes, and Hobbes on the Passions," in *Meeting of the Minds*, Stephen F. Brown, ed., *Rencontres de Philosophie Medievale*, 7, (Tournhout: Brepols, 1998), pp. 219-37.

"Anselm und der Dialog. Distanz und Versöhnung," in *Gespräche lesen. Philosophische Dialoge im Mittelalter*, Tübingen: Gunter Narr Verlag 1999, pp. 101-124.

"Abelard's Progress: From Logic to Ethics," *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 40 (September 2000), pp. 367-76.

"Ordering Differences: Aquinas vs. the Moderns," in *Aquinas Center of Theology, Occasional Papers on the Catholic Intellectual Life*, no. 4. Atlanta: Emory University, 2001, pp. 5-24.

"Aquinas on Vice and Sin," in *The Ethics of Aquinas*. Stephen J. Pope, ed. Washington, D. C.: Georgetown University Press, 2002, pp. 151-168.

"Literary Forms of Medieval Philosophy," *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Winter 2002 edition). Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL=<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/win2002/entries/medieval-literary/>.

"Speculative Theology and the Transformation of Separation and Longing," in *Psyche and Spirit -Dialectics of Transformation*, Chris Schlauch and William Meissner, eds. University of America Press, 2003.

"Anselm's *Proslogion*: The Desire for the Word," *The Saint Anselm Journal* (2003) 1. URL=<http://www.anselm.edu/library/SAJ/SAJindex.html>

"Connecting Boethius's Logic and Theology," forthcoming in *Neue Prozesse um Boethius, Schriften zur Gregorianik-Forschung*, vol. 2, Köln: Verlag der Gesellschaft für Gregorianik-Forschung e.V.

"The Hermeneutics of Authenticity in Abelard's *Historia Calamitatum* and Letters" invited contribution for a special issue on literary form in philosophy; forthcoming in *Poetics Today*.

"The Rhetoric of Prayer and Argument in Anselm," *Philosophy and Rhetoric* 38, n. 4 (2005): 355-78.

REVIEWS

Stump, Eleanor. Boethius's *In Ciceronis Topica*, in *Review of Metaphysics*, Sept. 1991.

Hare, John. E. *The Moral Gap: Kantian Ethics, Human Limits, and God's Assistance*, in *Faith and Philosophy*, 17, n.2 (April 2000), pp. 260-7.

Thomas Aquinas, *The Treatise on Human Nature (ST 1a 75-89)*, translated, with introduction and commentary by Robert Pasnau, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2003.04.13, URL=ndpr.icaap.org/content/archives/2003/4/sweeney-pasnau.html

Pinches, Charles R. *Theology and Action: After Theory in Christian Ethics* in *Theological Studies*.

McGrade, Stephen, ed. *The Cambridge Companion to Medieval Philosophy*, in *Philosophical Books*, 46 (Apr 2005), 141-2.

O'Callaghan, John P. *Thomist Realism and the Linguistic Turn* (Notre Dame University Press) in *Ars Disputandi: The Online Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 5 (2005): URL=<http://www.arsdisputandi.org/>

PAPERS DELIVERED

"The Asymmetry between Language and Being: The Case of Anselm," plenary lecture at the Graduate Conference in Philosophy at Boston College, "On Language," April 8, 2006, Boston College

"Alan of Lille's Theological Dictionary: Between Literature and Philosophy" Medieval Academy Annual Meeting, Boston, March 2006

"Boethius's Liberation of the Prisoner: Poetry and the Pedagogy of the Consolation," invited plenary lecture at the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, New York City, October 15, 2005

"Peregrinations in Medieval Philosophy," at "Wit, Scholar, Mentor: Celebrating the Life and Work of Louis Mackey," University of Texas, Austin, TX, Oct 1, 2005

"The Relationship between Prayer and Argument in Anselm," invited lecture at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, March, 2003.

"Anselm's *Proslogion*: The Desire for the Word," Boston Medieval Philosophy Colloquium, January, 2003.

"Anselm and Dialogue: Distance and Reconciliation," Conference on Dialogue in the Middle Ages, University of Freiburg, Germany, March 12, 1998.

"Ordering Differences: Aquinas vs. the Moderns," The Aquinas Lecture, Emory University, September 1997.

"Battle Cries and Lamentations: Theology and Poetry in Abelard," presented to the International Congress of Medieval Philosophy, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 1997 and to the Boston Area Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Boston, September 1997.

"The Quarrel Between Philosophy and Poetry in the Middle Ages," presented to the Société Internationale pour l'Étude de Philosophie Médiévale, World Congress, Erfurt, Germany, August 1997.

"Restructuring Desire: Aquinas, Hobbes and Descartes on the Passions," presented at the Société Internationale pour l'Étude de Philosophie Médiévale conference on the influence of Medieval Thought on Early Modern Philosophy, Boston, June 1996.

"Creativity and Tradition in Abelard's Laments," presented to the Medieval Forum, Boston College, December 5, 1996.

"Consolation is not the Real Thing: the Complication and Postponement of Closure in Boethius," Boston College Institute of Medieval Philosophy and Theology, September 1995.

"Aquinas on the Body and Individuation," Köln Mediaevisten Tagung, Individuation and Individuals, September, 1994.

"Alan of Lille: Transgressing and Transcending the Laws of Nature and the Rules of Language," 28th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 1993.

"Rousseau on the States of Nature, Marriage, and the Social Contract," Boston College Colloquium, May 1993.

"The Determination of Habit and Action by Form in Aquinas," Ninth International Congress of Medieval Philosophy, Ottawa, Canada, August, 1992.

"Hugh of St. Victor: The Augustinian Tradition of Sacred and Secular Reading Revised," Invited for a conference on Augustine's *De Doctrina Christiana*, University of Notre Dame, April 1991.

"'Analyzing' Analysis: Its Different Prototypes in Ancient, Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy," American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, April 1991.

"Transcending Aristotle: Natural Motion and Acts of the Divine and Human Will," Medieval Academy meeting, Princeton University, April 1991.

"Two Notions of Simplicity in Aquinas," Boston Medieval Philosophy Colloquium, November 19, 1990.

"*Resolutio* and the Dialectical Structure of Reasoning in Aquinas," Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Philosophy Conference, Villanova University, September 15, 1989.

"Rewriting Scriptural Narrative: Theology as An Academic Discipline in the Middle Ages," International Association for Philosophy and Literature, Dialectic and Narrative, Emory University, May 4, 1989.

"Nominalism vs. Realism: Aquinas on Universals and Natural Supposition," Colloquium, Marquette University, March 31, 1989.

"Gundassalinus' *De Divisione Philosophiae*: A Stage in the Aristotelian 'Revolution' in the Sciences," 23rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 5-8, 1988.

"Metaphysics and its Distinction from Sacred Doctrine in Aquinas," Eighth International Congress of Medieval Philosophy, Helsinki, Finland, August 24-29, 1987.

"The *Anticlaudianus* and the 'Proper' Language of Theology," Illinois Medieval Association, Chicago, Fall, 1986.

SERVICE:

Placement Officer, Graduate program in philosophy, 2001-4

Graduate Program Director, Boston College, Spring 1993, Sept. 1995-July 2001, Fall, 2004.

American Catholic Philosophical Association Executive Committee, Executive Council, 1996-8

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

American Philosophical Association

American Catholic Philosophical Association

Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

Société Internationale pour l'Etude de Philosophie Médiévale