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DOB: 20/08/1992

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2014-2018 **Trinity College, University of Oxford**

DPhil (i.e. PhD) Theology- Graduated May 2019

Supervisors: Prof. Brian Leftow and Prof. William Wood

Title: "Towards a Catholic Epistemology". An adaption of Alvin Plantinga's Reformed Epistemology given recent Catholic criticisms, showing the precedence for such a religious epistemology in Catholic tradition including in the work of Augustine, Aquinas, and Newman.

2013-2014 **Trinity College, University of Oxford**

MSt. Philosophical Theology- Pass

Academic Prizes: Austin Farrer Memorial Scholarship

2010-2013 **Trinity College, University of Oxford**

BA (Hons.) Theology- First Class

Academic Prizes: College Prize (2011); Exhibition (2011-12); Scholarship (2012-13)

2003-2012 **King Edward's School, Birmingham**

ACADEMIC ARTICLES

"Your Application is Being Processed: A New Model of Purgatory" – forthcoming in *Journal of Analytic Theology*

"Francisco Suarez and Modal Collapse Arguments Against Divine Simplicity" – forthcoming in *Second Scholasticism, Analytical Metaphysics, Christian Apologetics: Essays in Honour of Stanislaw Sousedik, Studia Neoscholastica Supplementum III*.

"Sola Scriptura and the Evolutionary Argument Against Naturalism" with Tyler McNabb – *TheoLogica* 9:1 (2025)

"Modal Ontological Arguments" – *Philosophy Compass* 18:8 (2023)

"My Song is Love Unknown: Liturgical Music and the Rationality of Christian Faith" – *New Blackfriars* 103:1105 (2022)

"Is Catholic Faith Worth Having?" – *Religious Studies* 58 (2022)

"Simply the Best? The Ontological Argument, Meinongianism, and Classical Theism" – *Faith and Philosophy* 38:4 (2021)

"Aquinas, Instinct and the "Internalist" Justification of Faith" -- *New Blackfriars* 102:1098 (March 2021)

"Perfect Being Theology and Analogy" – *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 95:1 (Winter 2021)

"Augustine on Faith and Evidence" in *Studia Patristica* Vol. C, ed. H.A.G. Houghton, M.L. Davies and M. Vinzent (Peeters, 2020).

WORKS UNDER REVIEW

"Music of the Spheres: Could Aliens think Musically?" for publication in Richard Playford, ed. *Exophilosophy: The Philosophy of Alien Life* – a volume commissioned by Routledge in May 2023.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Newman, Fallibilism and Epistemic Certainty" – for submission to *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*

"Salvation through Implicit Faith: An Analytic Defence" – with Tyler McNabb, for submission to *New Blackfriars*

"Bonaventure's Ontological Argument: An Analytic Retrieval" – with Tyler McNabb

ACADEMIC BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Richard Cross, *Christology and Metaphysics in the Seventeenth Century* (in preparation for *Religious Studies*)

Review of Roberto di Ceglie, *Aquinas on Faith, Reason and Charity – The Review of Metaphysics* (2023)

Review of Julian Perlmutter's *Sacred Music, Religious Desire and Knowledge of God – Religious Studies* (Pre-published online, 2021)

Review of W. Matthews Grant's *Free Will and God's Universal Causality: The Dual Sources Account – Religious Studies* (Pre-published online, 2020)

Review of Elmar J. Kremer's *Analysis of Existing: Barry Miller's Approach to God - Analytic Theology* 3 (2016), co-authored with Luke Martin.

EDITED CONFERENCE VOLUMES

The Trinity Conference 2021 – Mental Health in Education: A Catholic Approach (Leeds Trinity University Publ., 2021). A volume of collected papers presented at the conference, co-edited with Hannah Hayward.

The Trinity Conference 2022 – A Catholic Response to the Digital Age (Leeds Trinity University Publ., 2022). A volume of collected papers presented at the conference, co-edited with Hannah Hayward.

RECENT ACADEMIC/CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Franciscan Scholastics on the Modal Depths of God’s Love”, Second International Franciscan Studies Conference: Retrieval and Innovation, University of Durham (March 2024)

“Love Possibly: Divine Care for Possibilia”, British Society for the Philosophy of Religion Conference, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford (September 2023)

“Could Aliens think Musically?”, Global Perspectives on Exophilosophy Conference, Leeds Trinity (December 2022).

“Doubting Thomas: Should Catholics be Fallibilists?”, British Society for the Philosophy of Religion Conference, Oriel College, Oxford (September 2022)

“The Infallible Newman: the Cardinal against Epistemic Fallibilism”, European Academy of Religion Panel on Newman’s Epistemology (June 2022)

“The Scriptural Argument Against Protestantism” – with Tyler McNabb, Warranted Catholic Belief: Plantinga’s Religious Epistemology and the Catholic Tradition, online conference via St Joseph’s University, Macao (March 2022)

“Divine Mental States Made Simple: Late Scholastic and Analytic Accounts” – Second Scholasticism, Analytical Metaphysics and Christian Apologetics Conference, Catholic Theology Faculty, Prague (October 2021); Centre for the Philosophy of Religion, Leeds (November 2021)

EMPLOYMENT

Note – in **March 2020**, I was awarded a **Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the University of Macao**, to start that October. Travel restrictions prevented me from assuming this post, and the Fellowship offer was withdrawn in January 2021.

July 2024-

Assistant Professor of Franciscan Theology, Saint Francis University PA

Teaching a range of

October 2023 – June 2024

Teaching Fellow in Theology, Philosophy of Religion and Human Rights, University of Leeds

Taught online and in-person undergraduate and Master’s courses, including Concepts of God, Human Rights and Religion, Introduction to Christian Theology, and Philosophy and Spiritual Practice. I also supervised undergraduate dissertations and conducted academic research.

September 2023 – February 2024

Teaching Fellow in Philosophy of Religion, University of Birmingham

Taught the undergraduate course in Philosophy of Religion.

August 2022 – July 2023

Teaching Fellow in Theology, Philosophy of Religion and Human Rights, University of Leeds

Taught online and in-person undergraduate and Master's courses including Augustine of Hippo, Concepts of God, Theology and Public Life, Human Rights and Religion, Philosophy of Religion, and Philosophy and Spiritual Practice. I also supervised undergraduate dissertations, offered academic support to students, and conducted academic research.

January 2022 – August 2022

Teaching Associate in Modern Christian Theology, University of Bristol

Taught courses on modern controversies in Catholic Theology, Systematic Theology, and the Study of Religion. I also supervised undergraduate dissertations and conducted academic research.

October 2021 – August 2022

Research Associate (Non-Stipendiary), Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge.

I was a Research Associate at the Margaret Beaufort Institute, a Catholic theological college affiliated with Cambridge University, pursuing a research project to investigate the relationship between liturgical/aesthetic experience and the rational assessment of arguments in philosophy of religion.

September 2019 – August 2021

Visiting Lecturer (Department for Philosophy, Ethics and Religion), Leeds Trinity University.

Taught courses on Eschatology, Biblical Studies, and Politics and Religion. I also supervised undergraduate dissertations and conducted academic research.

Awarded Prize for Undergraduate Teaching by Leeds Trinity Student Union (Dec. 2019)

September 2018 – August 2022

Co-ordinator for Catholic Formation, Catholic Diocese of Leeds.

Duties included the evaluation, composition, and provision of resources for adult formation, and the co-ordination and delivery of teaching programmes including the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies and the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry offered by Loyola University I. P.S.

June 2018 -- Present

Private tuition in theology/philosophy offered at University level. Teaching has included classes on religious language and analytic theology in preparation for successful applications to Masters degrees at leading universities.

Trinity Term 2016 **Taught revision classes in Medieval Theology for Finals students at Oxford University.**

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

British Society for the Philosophy of Religion

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Reviewer for journals including *Religious Studies*, *Journal of Analytic Theology*, *Philosophy Compass*, and *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*.