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EDUCATION

St. Mary's Seminary and University STL in Systematic Theology	Baltimore, MD 2021
The Catholic University of America PhD in Moral Theology / Ethics Minor in Philosophy	Washington, DC 2019
St. Joseph's Seminary Institute of Religious Studies MA in Religious Studies Concentration in Sacred Scripture	Yonkers, NY 2013
Concordia University BSc in Biology Graduated with Distinction	Montréal, QC 2010

WORK EXPERIENCE

St. Mary's Seminary and University Academic Dean and Praeses Associate Professor of Moral Theology Chair of Moral & Spiritual Theology Department Assistant Professor of Moral Theology	Baltimore, MD 2022 – present 2022 – present 2019 – present 2019 – 2022
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Courses: Foundations of Moral Theology, Social Ethics,
Ethics of St. Thomas Aquinas, Theological Anthropology,
Medical Ethics, Philosophical Ethics, Metaphysics for
Theology, Latin I, II, & III, Contemporary Issues in
Bioethics

Archdiocese of Baltimore Baltimore, MD Coordinator of Intellectual Formation for Permanent Deacon Formation Program	2023 – present
USCCB Institute on the Catechism Catechetical Consultant	2024 – Present

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Dissertation

“A Thomistic Account of the Habituation of the Passions,” 2019. Director: John S. Grabowski, PhD.

Contributions to Academic Journals and Edited Volumes

“Sin (in General).” *Encyclopedia of Catholic Theology*. (Forthcoming).

“On the Gravity of Matter.” *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*. (Forthcoming).

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“*Veritatis Splendor* and Intrinsically Evil Acts.” Chapter in *Dwelling in the Splendor of Truth: The State of Catholic Moral Theology in light of Veritatis Splendor*. Edited by James Stroud. (Forthcoming with CUA Press).

Megan Levis, Matthew Dugandzic, and Walter Schrier, “Organoids are Multi-Cellular Engineered Living Systems: What is the Path Forward for Their Use in the Laboratory and Beyond?” *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* (forthcoming).

“Moral Conversion and the Passions in Aquinas.” In *Moral Conversion in Scripture, Self, and Society*, edited by Krijn Pansters and Anton ten Klooster, 139-56. De Gruyter, 2024.

“Reason, Passion, and Metaphysics in Bonaventure: A Response to Hylomorphic Enthusiasm.” *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, 22.1 (2024): 95-106.

“The *Passio Corporalis* and the *Passio Animalis* in Aquinas.” *European Journal for the Study of Thomas Aquinas* 38 (2020): 1-14.

“Contenance, Character, and the Morality of Masturbation.” In *Venus and Virtue*. Edited by Jerry L. Walls, Jeremy S. Neill, and David Baggett. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2018.

“The First Movements of the Sensitive Appetite: Aquinas in Context.” *New Blackfriars* 99 (2018): 638-52.

“Human Nature and the Therapy-Enhancement Distinction.” *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 17.2 (2017): 193-4.

Edited Works

Guest Editor. “The Use of Casuistry in Bioethics.” Special issue of *The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*. (Forthcoming, Summer 2025).

Guest Editor. “The Primacy of God in a Secular Age: On the Theological Virtue of Faith.” Special issue of *Lux Veritatis* 1, no. 2 (2024).

Book Translation

Christophe J. Kruijen. *Can We Hope for Universal Salvation?* Translated by Matthew Dugandzic. Steubenville, OH: Emmaus Academic. (Forthcoming.)

Book Reviews

Review of Dominic M. Prümmer, O.P., *Handbook of Moral Theology: Centenary Edition*, in *Antiphon* 27, n. 2 (2023): 273-76.

Review of David Fagerberg’s *Liturgical Dogmatics: How Catholic Beliefs Flow from Liturgical Prayer* in *Antiphon* 26, no. 1 (2022): 90-92.

Review of Steven J. Jensen’s *Sin: A Thomistic Psychology* in *European Journal for the Study of Thomas Aquinas* 37 (2019).

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Review of *Suffering and Bioethics*. Ed. Ronald M. Green and Nathan J. Palpant in *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 16, no. 4 (2016).

Review of Michael S. Shermer's *The Moral Arc: How Science and Reason Lead Humanity toward Truth, Justice, and Freedom* in *First Things* 249, (April 2015).

Review of Al Kresta's *Dangers to the Faith: Recognizing Catholicism's 21st-Century Opponents* in *First Things* 239, (January 2014).

Popular Publications

"Veritatis Splendor': A Guidebook to Living a Moral Life," *Our Sunday Visitor*, vol. 112, no. 14 (August 6-12, 2023): 8.

"Why Fast?" *Our Sunday Visitor*, vol. 111, no. 47 (March 5-11, 2023): 9-12.

Electronic Publications

Writing has appeared on:

www.osv.com

www.focusquip.org

www.thomistica.net

www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives

www.farefwd.com

www.ethikapolitika.org

Academic Presentations

"Determining the Gravity of Sin." Invited lecture. The Catholic University of America. Washington, DC. March 26, 2025.

"On Light Matter in the Sin of Lying." Catholic Theological Society of America. Baltimore, MD. June 15, 2024.

"What Constitutes Grave Matter?" Catholic Moral Theology in the Seminary. Mundelein Seminary. April 14, 2023.

"The Theory and Praxis of Moral Theology: Casuistry and Its Rejection in Context." American Catholic Philosophical Association. New Orleans, LA. November 19, 2022.

"Moral Conversion and the Passions in Aquinas." Agents of Change: Moral Conversion and Social Transformation. International Virtual Conference in Utrecht, The Netherlands. July 1, 2022.

"The Necessity of Love in Aquinas's Understanding of the Passions." American Catholic Philosophical Association. St. Louis, MO. November 14, 2021.

"Usury and the Student Loan Crisis: Insights from Aquinas." Catholic Theological Society of America. Virtual format, 2021.

"Aquinas and Bonaventure on Metaphysics and Passion: A Response to Marie-Dominique Chenu." Pinckaers Symposium. University of Notre Dame, 2018.

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“Revering Religious Objects: Aquinas and Neuroscience in Conversation.” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference. Villanova University, 2016.

“Aquinas’ Account of Original Sin in Light of Modern Biology.” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference. Villanova University, 2014.

Conferences and Panels Organized

Conference Chair of Sacra Doctrina Project annual conference, “A Dialogue Renewed: Scholasticism and the Ressourcement Movement on the Nature of Catholic Theology.” Theological College. Washington, DC. June 12-14, 2025.

Conference Chair of Moral Theology for Seminary Professors annual conference. St. Mary’s Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD. April 25-26, 2025.

Conference Co-Convener of inaugural Littlemore Forum conference. “A Treasure to be Shared? Perspectives on the Anglican Tradition in the Catholic Church.” Zoom. October 11, 2024.

Conference Co-Chair of Sacra Doctrina Project annual conference, “All Things That Were Made: On Creation, Creatures, and Their Creator.” The Saint Paul Seminary, University of St. Thomas. St. Paul, MN. June 6-8, 2024.

Conference Co-Chair of Sacra Doctrina Project annual conference, “The Primacy of God in a Secular Age: On the Theological Virtue of Faith.” St. Mary’s Seminary & University. Baltimore, MD. June 8-10, 2023.

Panel Chair, “The Cause of Causes: On Divine Causality” at American Catholic Philosophical Association annual conference. New Orleans, LA. November 18, 2022.

Conference Co-Chair of Sacra Doctrina Project annual conference, “Grace and Sanctification.” Thomas Aquinas College. Northfield, MA. June 23-25, 2022.

Panel Organizer for Panel on “Love and the Good in Aquinas” at American Catholic Philosophical Association annual conference. St. Louis, MO. November 19, 2021.

Presentations for General Audiences

“On the Origin of Evil.” Thomistic Institute Lecture. George Washington University. Washington, DC. March 27, 2025.

“Social and Sexual Ethics.” Lecture for RCIA students at Sts. Philip and James Church. Baltimore, MD. February 4, 2024. Repeated February 20, 2025.

“The Virtues, Cardinal and Theological.” Lecture for RCIA students at Sts. Philip and James Church. Baltimore, MD. January 28, 2024. Repeated February 13, 2025.

“Aquinas on Usury.” Thomistic Institute Lecture. The Catholic University of America. Washington, DC. April 15, 2024.

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“On the Origins of Evil.” Thomistic Institute Lecture. Queen’s University. Kingston, ON. March 18, 2024.

“Fasting and the Spiritual Life.” Thomistic Institute Lecture. Baylor University. Waco, TX. February 15, 2024.

“A Thomistic Account of the Ethics of Assisted Reproductive Technologies.” Thomistic Institute Lecture. North Carolina State University. Raleigh, NC. October 26, 2023.

“The Case for Free Will.” Thomistic Institute Lecture. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Champaign, IL. April 19, 2023.

Guest panelist on “The Art of Controversy with Gloria Purvis: The LGBTQ Community and the Church.” The Sheen Center for Thought and Culture. New York, NY. June 15, 2023.

“On the Nature of Marriage.” Presentation for the Newman Center at Johns Hopkins University. Given with Audra Dugandzic. Baltimore, MD. March 1, 2023.

“Treatise on the Passions.” *Summa* reading group for graduate students for the Thomistic Institute. Eight Zoom sessions in March, 2023.

“The Ethics of Reproductive Technologies.” Lecture for the Thomistic Institute chapter at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Baltimore, MD. February 22, 2023.

“On the Fourth Commandment through the Tenth.” Lecture series for the RCIA students at Sts. Philip and James Church. Baltimore, MD. January and February, 2023.

“Does God Exist?” [YouTube interview](#) with Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P., for the Thomistic Institute. November 17, 2022.

“Aquinas on the Existence of God: A Deep Dive into the First Way.” Lecture for the Thomistic Institute Chapter at Harvard University. Cambridge, MA. October 3, 2022.

“The Imago Dei, the Will, and Freedom.” Video recording for the employees of the Diocese of Phoenix. September 15, 2022.

“Contra Contraception.” Presentation for FOCUS student campus leaders. Newry, ME. July 24, 2022.

“Man as Knowing Animal” and “Man as Believing Animal.” Two talks given at an intellectual retreat at the Dominican House of Studies. Washington, DC. April 8-10, 2022.

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“The Saints of Baltimore.” Lecture for Best Year’s Society at Sacred Heart Parish. Reisterstown, MD. March 2, 2022.

“Contra Contraception.” Presentation for FOCUS missionaries. Delivered via Zoom. June 9, 2021.

“The Thomistic Understanding of the Soul.” Lecture for the Thomistic Institute chapter at Rutgers University. New Brunswick, NJ. October 14, 2021.

“Aquinas on the Morality of the Passions.” Lecture series for the clergy of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. Great Falls, MT. September 22-23, 2021.

“Vatican II: Rupture or Continuity?” Lecture series for Mount Calvary Catholic Church. Baltimore, MD. January and February, 2021. Given with Audra Dugandzic.

“The Fullness of Life: Witnessing to the Sanctity of Human Life in the Modern Age.” Moderator of livestreamed panel discussion at St. Mary’s Seminary and University. Baltimore, MD. January 29, 2021.

“The Omnipresence of God.” Mini Course for RCIA Instructors at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church. Falls Church, VA. December 2, 2017.

“Who is Jesus? The Christological Councils: A Tale of Discovery.” Mini Course for RCIA Instructors at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, Falls Church, VA. December 2, 2017.

“The Cardinal Virtues.” Presentation for Students in RCIA at The Catholic University of America. Washington, DC. February 26, 2017.

AWARDS, HONORS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Nagot Grant from St. Mary’s Seminary & University for help with research project (\$2,500), 2023.

The Catholic and Dominican Institute, scholarship for summer philosophy workshop, 2017.

Virtue, Happiness, & the Meaning of Life, scholarship for summer seminar, 2016.

Summer Institute of Catholic Thought, scholarship for summer seminar, 2016.

The Catholic and Dominican Institute, scholarship for summer philosophy workshop, 2016.

The Catholic and Dominican Institute, scholarship for summer philosophy workshop, 2015.

Virgil Chrisafulli Memorial Scholarship, scholarship for intensive Latin course (\$4,600), 2014.

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MEMBERSHIPS IN ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

Academy of Catholic Theology
Sacra Doctrina Project
Society for Catholic Liturgy

THESIS DIRECTED

Thomas Dzwonczyk. “Angels and the Moral Life: The Missiological Dimension of Guardian Angels in the Salvation of Unbaptized Individuals.” STL Thesis. St. Mary’s Seminary & University, 2025.

Fr. Jude Sango, STL. “The Assault on Medical Ethics as Manifestations of Ratzinger’s Dictatorship of Relativism: The Case of Sex Reassignment Surgery in Transgenderism.” St. Mary’s Seminary & University, 2023.

LANGUAGES

English – Native.
French – Fluent.
Spanish – Reading/Conversational.
Latin – Reading.