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AREA OF ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATION

Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

AREAS OF ACADEMIC COMPETENCE

Ancient Philosophy

EDUCATION

2007: D.phil in Philosophy, *Oxford University*

Dissertation Title: Aquinas on Analogy

Supervisor: Professor Shields C.

2005: PhD in Philosophy, *University of Padua*

Dissertation Title: Introduction, Translation, and Commentary of Aquinas' *On Separate Substances*

Supervisor: Professor Berti E.

1999: Undergraduate Degree in Philosophy, *University of Padua*

Overall result: 110 e lode (Equivalent to U.S.A. *summa cum laude*)

Dissertation Title: The Doctrine of "Ipsum esse subsistens" in Thomas Aquinas

Supervisor: Professor Berti E.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

REGULAR POSITIONS

2022-Present: Professor in Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy,

Queens College, CUNY

2013-2022: Associate Professor in Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy,

Queens College, CUNY

2007-13: Assistant Professor in Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy,

Queens College, CUNY

2005-06: Lecturer in Ancient Philosophy, *Oxford University (Brasenose College)*

2004-06: Tutor in Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, *Oxford University*

(Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies)

2004-05: Lecturer in Ancient Philosophy, *Oxford University (Balliol College)*

2003-04: Tutor in Ancient Philosophy, *Oxford University (Magdalen College)*

VISITING POSITIONS

2019 (February-June): Fellow, *The Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS)*, Amsterdam

2014-15: Visiting Scholar, *Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, University of California, Los Angeles*

2011: Visiting Scholar, *Center for Ideas and Society, University of California, Riverside*

2006-07: Visiting Student Research Collaborator, *Princeton University*

COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

2025-Present: Acting Chair, Philosophy Department, *Queens College*

2022-25: Co-chair of the search committee for the appointment of a professor of environmental philosophy, Philosophy Department, *Queens College*

2019-20: Interim Director of the BA-MA Program, Philosophy Department, *Queens College*

- 2018: Member of the Search Committee for the appointment of a professor of ancient philosophy, Philosophy Department, *Queens College*
- 2009-Present: Member of the Personnel and Budget Committee, Philosophy Department, *Queens College*
- 2009-23: Ethicist, IACUC (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee), *Queens College*
- 2009-11: Interim Director of the BA-MA Program, Philosophy Department, *Queens College*
- 2009-11: Chair, Outcome Assessments Committee, Philosophy Department, *Queens College*

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- Ludovico Agostini's Imaginary Republic. Utopia in the Italian Renaissance*, (Cham: Palgrave/MacMillan, 2023)
- Boezio. Un pensatore tardoantico e il suo mondo*, (Roma: Carocci Editore, 2021)
- Italian Renaissance Utopias: Doni, Patrizi, and Zuccolo*, (Cham: Palgrave/MacMillan, 2019)
- Boethius' Consolation of Philosophy as a Product of Late Antiquity*, (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2013; paperback edition, 2015)

TEXTBOOKS

- Introduction to Philosophy*, (Great River Learning, 2019)*

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Ludovico Agostini e l'utopia. Per un'iniziale rilettura della Repubblica Immaginaria*, «Studia Oliveriana» 10 (2024): 31-46
- Aristotle and Utopia*, «International Journal of the Classical Tradition» 31 (2024): 235-263
- Exploring the Mystery of the Trinity. Boethius' On Trinity: Innovation and Continuity*, «The Saint Anselm Journal» 18 (2023): 13-50
- Forgetfulness and Misology in Boethius' Consolation of Philosophy*, «British Journal of the History of Philosophy» 21 (2013): 463-485
Winner of Rogers Prize for the best article published in the «British Journal of the History of Philosophy» in 2013
- Self-examination and Consolation in Boethius' Consolation of Philosophy*, «Classical World» 106 (2013): 397-430
- Boethius' Consolation of Philosophy and the Greco-Roman Consolatory Tradition*, «Traditio» 67 (2012): 1-42
Reprinted in *Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism*, ed. L. J. Trudeau, Gale Literature Collections, Vol. 181, (New York: Layman Poupard Publishing, 2017), 115-139

* This book is available in digital format only. The book can be accessed at www.grlcontent.com The username is philosophy@greatriverlearning.com the password is philosophy@greatriverlearning.com

Aquinas' Theory of Happiness and its Greek, Byzantine, Latin and Arabic Sources, «Al-Masaq» 18 (2006): 161-189

The Role of Focus in Aquinas' Doctrine of Analogy, «Proceedings of American Catholic Philosophical Association» 77 (2004): 285-297

Il ruolo dell'analogia di attribuzione e di proporzionalità nella dottrina dell'essere di Tommaso, «Medioevo» 28 (2003): 120-145

Le formulazioni di Aristotele e Tommaso d'Aquino del principio di non contraddizione, «Sensus Communis» 4 (2003): 60-70

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

“Boethius on Eternity.” In *Plotinus' On Eternity and Time - Works of Philosophy and Their Reception*, ed. A. Michalewski, (Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming)

“Self-investigation, Self-knowledge, and Inner-Conflict in Boethius' *Consolation of Philosophy*.” In *Boethius' Consolation of Philosophy. A Critical Guide*, ed. M.O. Wiitala, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2024), 113-164

“Intellectual Ascent and Experience in Dante's *Divine Comedy*.” In *The Redemption of Feeling*, ed. A. Doukhan and A. Malagon, (Lanham: Lexington Books, 2019), 39-52

(with Jaffe-Berg E.) “Philosophy and Social Theory.” In *A Cultural History of Tragedy: Middle Ages*, ed. J. Enders, T. Coletti, C. Symes, and J. Sebastian, (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2019), 65-80

“Forgetfulness and Human Behavior in Boethius' *Consolation of Philosophy*.” In *Willing the Good: Empirical Challenges to the Explanation of Human Behavior*, ed. G. De Anna, (Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2012), 23-39

“The End of Human Nature in Aquinas.” In *Virtue's End: God in the Moral Philosophy of Aristotle and Aquinas*, ed. F. Di Blasi, J. Hochschild, and J. Langan, (South Bend: St. Augustine's Press, 2008), 27-43

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

“Boethius' *De Institutione Arithmetica*.” In *The Literary Encyclopedia*, ed. E. Bozia (in progress)

“Boethius' *De Institutione Musica*.” In *The Literary Encyclopedia*, ed. E. Bozia (in progress)

“Boethius' *De Categoriae*.” In *The Literary Encyclopedia*, ed. E. Bozia (in progress)

“Boethius' *De Syllogismis Categoricalis*.” In *The Literary Encyclopedia*, ed. E. Bozia (in progress)

“Boethius' *De Peri Hermeneias*.” In *The Literary Encyclopedia*, ed. E. Bozia (in progress)

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Juliusz Domański, *Philosophy, Theory or Way of Life? Controversies in Antiquity, the Middle Ages and the Renaissance*, (Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill, 2024), «Foucault Studies» 38 (2025) (forthcoming)

Review of Andrew Hicks, *Composing the World: Harmony in the Medieval Platonic Cosmos*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017), «Bryn Mawr Classical Review», 2017.07.41

<http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2017/2017-07-41.html>

Review of Futre Pinheiro M. P. and Montiglio S. (eds.), *Philosophy and the Ancient Novel. Ancient Narrative Supplementum 20*. (Groningen: Barkhuis: Groningen University Library, 2015), «Bryn Mawr Classical Review» 2016.05.37

<http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2016/2016-05-37.html>

Review of Blackwood S., *The Consolation of Boethius as Poetic Liturgy*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), «The Medieval Journal» 6 (2016): 137-140

Review of Bartsch S. and Wray D. (eds.), *Seneca and the Self* (Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009), «Foucault Studies» 11 (2011): 200-205

Review of Sellars J., *The Art of Living*, (London/Duckworth: Bristol Classical Press, 2009), «Foucault Studies» 9 (2010): 216-220

Review of Hadot P., *The Present Alone is Our Happiness*, (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2009), «Foucault Studies» 7 (2009): 164-169

Review of Frank J., *A Democracy of Distinction: Aristotle and the Work of Politics*, (Chicago/London: The University of Chicago Press), «Review of Politics» 68 (2006): 132-134

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2019: PCS-CUNY Research Award

2018: Individual Fellowship, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS), Amsterdam

2014: Rogers Prize for the best article published in the “British Journal of the History of Philosophy” in 2013 (*Forgetfulness and Misology in Boethius’ ‘Consolation of Philosophy’*)

2013: New Directions Fellowship, *The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation*

2013: Green Card awarded by the *U. S. Citizenship & Immigration Services* on the basis of outstanding academic achievements

2012: PCS-CUNY Research Award

2011: PCS-CUNY Research Award

2008: PCS-CUNY Research Award

2006-07: Ambassadorial Scholarship, *Rotary Foundation*

2003-06: Postgraduate Scholarship, *University of Padua*

2000: University Scholarship, *University of Padua*

INVITED LECTURES

Friendship as the Guide for Life. Enduring Lessons from the Classics (Keynote Address)

May 27th, 2025: Humanities Symposium 2025 XI. Townsend Harris High School

Thomas More’s Utopia in the Italian Renaissance

May 13th, 2025, The Seminar in the Renaissance, Columbia University

Thomas More’s Utopia in the Italian Renaissance

April, 2nd, 2025, Early Modern Workshop, University at Buffalo

Montaigne’s Unique Account of Friendship

February 5th, 2025: Townsend Harris High School

Boezio Interprete di Aristotle

May 16th, 2024: University of Padua (via Zoom)

La Consolazione della Filosofia e il Cristianismo

May 11th, 2022: University of Padua (via Zoom)

Why Philosophy Needs Myths

May 4th, 2022: Queens College, CUNY, Philosophy Club

Dante's 'Vita Nuova': A Very Strange, yet Familiar Love Story

November 13th, 2019: Townsend Harris High School

Politics and Power: Was Machiavelli a Teacher of Evil?

November 13th, 2017: Townsend Harris High School

Ideal and Utopian Cities of the Italian Renaissance

March 2017: College of Charleston, SC

The Notion of Architecture in Filarete's "Libro Architetonico"

March 2017: College of Charleston, SC

The Ideal City Panels and the Ascent of Cities

March 2017: College of Charleston, SC

Virtue and Fortune in Machiavelli's "Prince"

November, 2016: Townsend Harris High School

Machiavelli's Ultimate Lesson: Ruling over Chaos

November, 2015: Townsend Harris High School

Learning from History: Machiavelli's "Forgotten" Lesson

November, 2013: Townsend Harris High School

Why is the "Prince" a Classic?

November, 2012: Townsend Harris High School

Forgetfulness and Misology in Boethius' "Consolation of Philosophy"

May 2012: University of California, Riverside

The Role of "Philosophy" in Boethius' "Consolation of Philosophy"

November 2011: University of California, Riverside

Boethius and the Roman Senatorial Aristocracy

November 2011: University of California, Riverside

Aquinas on the Unity of Substantial Form

May 2006: University of Padua, Italy

Aquinas on Happiness

March 2005: Blackfriars College, Oxford University

Deus manet penitus ignotum

March 2004: University of Prague, Czech Republic

The Causality of the Unmoved Mover in the book XII of Aristotle's Metaphysics

April 2004: University of Padua, Italy

PRESENTATIONS

Boethius' On Trinity: Innovation and Continuity

November 19th, 2022: Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, New Orleans

The Literary Dimension of Boethius' 'Consolation of Philosophy'

June 19th, 2019: The Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences

Erasmus' 'Praise of Folly' in Italy: The Case of 'La Pazzia'

April 25th, 2019: Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS)

The Forgotten Feminine: Classical Folly in Erasmus' 'Praise of Folly'

December 8th, 2018: Diversifying Ancient Greek Philosophy, Queens College, CUNY
'La Pazzia': The Presence of Erasmus' 'Praise of Folly' in Sixteenth Century Italy Fifth
 June 21th, 2017, Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies
Doni's Reception of More's Utopia: Irony, Ambiguity, and Pessimism
 2016: Society for Utopian Studies Annual Conference
The Intellectual and Spiritual Journey in Dante's Inferno
 2015: The Redemption of Feeling, Queens College
Politics and the Philosopher in Boethius' Consolation of Philosophy
 2011: Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity X
The Controversial Role of Lady Philosophy in Boethius' Consolation of Philosophy
 2009: SEMA Conference, Vanderbilt University
Philosophy as Therapy in Boethius' Consolation of Philosophy
 2009: Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University
Boethius on External Goods
 2009: International Congress on Medieval Studies
An Existential Interpretation of Boethius' Consolation of Philosophy
 2008: TEMA Conference, Texas Tech University
An Existential Interpretation of Boethius' Consolation of Philosophy
 2008: SEMA Conference, St. Louis University
The Existential Goal of Boethius' Consolation of Philosophy
 2008: Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University
Aquinas on Univocity
 2006: Ockham Society, Oxford University
Henry of Ghent on Analogy
 2005: International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds
Aquinas on Contemplation
 2004: Columbia Medieval Guild Conference, Columbia University
Aristotle in the XX Century
 2004: The Ethical Traditions of Europe and U.S.A., University of Palermo
The Greek and Latin Sources of Aquinas' Theory of Contemplation
 2004: International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds.
Aquinas' Negative Theology
 2004: Annual Meeting of the Arizona Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies,
 Arizona State University
The Role of Focus in Aquinas' Doctrine of Analogy
 2003: Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association,
 Houston

REFeree

Referee for: AEVUM; Classical Philology; Journal of the History of Ideas; Mnemosyne;
 Modern Theology; New Classicists; NIAS (Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the
 Humanities); Philosophia; Phronesis; Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies; PSC-
 CUNY Research Award; Review of Politics; The Journal of Religion; Res Philosophica;
 Viator: Medieval and Renaissance Studies.