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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Dallas, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy (Autumn 2025—Present)

University of Dallas, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

Hope College-Western Seminary Prison Education Program, Instructor of Record

Hope College, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Philosophy, Platonism, Moral Psychology, Tragedy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Technology, Philosophy and Literature, Philosophy of Race, Political Theory

EDUCATION

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

- Ph.D., Philosophy, with Distinction.
 - “The Felicity of Goodness: Self-Knowledge, Self-Determination, and Self-Sufficiency in Plato’s *Philebus*.” Committee: John M. Rist, Cristina Ionescu, Matthias Vorwerk.
- M.A., Philosophy, *cum laude*.
 - “The Art of Conversation: Writing, Rhetoric, and Recollection in Plato’s *Phaedrus*.”

Leland Stanford Junior University, Stanford, CA

- B.S., Chemistry. Interdisciplinary Honours in *Ethics in Society*.

ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Sexes and the City: Homeric Paradigms in Plato’s *Lovecraft* and *Statecraft*,” *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* (forthcoming).
- “Platonic Sense and Tragic Sensibility,” in Eric J. Silverman (ed.), *Virtuous Responses to Suffering, Tragedy and Evil* (New York: Routledge, forthcoming).
- “The *Summa theologiae* and Three Allied Motives for Mercy in *The Merchant of Venice*,” in Garry L. Hagberg (ed.), *Fictional Worlds and Philosophical Psychology* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming).
- “Macrina the Younger: Christian Sage, Platonic Saint,” *Studia Patristica* (forthcoming).
- “Plato’s *Minos* and the Form of Human Sacrifice,” *Polis* 42.3 (2025): 422-446.
- “Tragic Pharmacy: The ‘Noble’ Lie and the Fall of Kallipolis,” *Apeiron* 58.3 (2025): 369-389.
- “Healed to Die: Death as a Paradigm for Refutation in Plato’s *Phaedo*,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 99.1 (2025): 101-125. [Runner-Up, 2024 *ACPQ* Rising Scholar Essay Contest]

- “*Sola tveetura*: Digital Fundamentalism and the Virtual Scriptures,” *Philosophy & Technology* 38, 42 (2025): 1-18.
- “On Liberal Education: Plato’s Erotic Intellect and Newman’s Two Ideas of a Mind,” *Newman Studies Journal* 21.1 (2024): 80-103.
- “Platonic Tripartition and the Peoples of Middle-Earth,” *thersites* 15 (2022): 90-122.
- “Tract 3: Corporate Sanctity in the Thought of John Henry Newman,” *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, 20.3 (2022): 705-718.
- “Socratic Rhetoric: Elenchus, Myth and Self-Disclosure in Plato’s *Gorgias*,” *Acta Philosophica* 31.1 (2022): 97-118.
- “Theories of Divine Punishment in Augustine’s *De civitate Dei*,” *Studia Patristica* 117 (2021): 61-76.
- “Cephalus: A Quotidian Case for Chastity in *Republic I*,” in Eric J. Silverman (ed.), *Sexual Ethics in a Secular Age: Is There Still a Virtue of Chastity?* (New York: Routledge, 2021).

REVIEWS

- Josh Wilburn, *The Political Soul: Plato on Thumos, Spirited Motivation, and the City* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022) in *Nova et Vetera* 22.2 (2024): 690-694.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *A Body of Learning: Articulating the Soul of Liberal Education*, co-edited with Christopher M. Petter.
 - “Platonic Socrates and the Reliquary of Memory,” chapter in *A Body of Learning*.
- “Theology and the Hope of a Christian College,” in Marla Lunderberg and Jack Mulder, Jr. (eds.), *The Endurance of Hope: A Case Study of Christian Higher Education in the Twenty-first Century*.
- “Is Religion Still Useful for Moral Growth and Ethical Deliberation in a Secular World?” in Avery M. Smith et al. (eds.), *Black Apologetics: Reflections on the Viability of Christian Faith*.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (*Invited)

- “Comic Sense and Tragic Sensibility in Plato’s *Philebus*.” USF ICHS Conference, *Ancient Greek Writing Genres*, FL, April 2024.
- “Sexes and the City: Homeric Paradigms in Plato’s *Lovecraft* and *Statecraft*,” ACPA Annual Meeting, *Male and Female He Created Them*, IL, November 2024.
- “Platonic Sense and Tragic Sensibility.”
 - ACPA Annual Meeting, Bethany Workshop Satellite Session, IL, November 2024.
 - CNU Virtue Ethics Conference, *Virtuous and Vicious Responses to Tragedy*, VA, February 2024.
- “Tragic Sensibility and Antifragile Leadership.” Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, *Renewing and Reimagining Institutions for the Common Good*, TX, October 2024.
- “Macrina the Younger: Christian Sage, Platonic Saint.” International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, ENG, August 2024.
- “Tragedy as Poetic Genre and Historical Form in Du Bois’ *The Souls of Black Folk*.” USF ICHS Conference, *The Modern Reception of Ancient Greek Texts*, FL, April 2024.
- “Platonic Socrates and the Reliquary of Memory.”
 - The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., November 2023.
 - *University of St. Thomas, MN, May 2022.

- *University of Dayton Colloquium in Philosophy, OH, March 2022.
- “Healed to Die: On the Education of Phaedo.”
 - Faculty Research Colloquium, UD Philosophy Department, TX, November 2023.
 - *Keynote Address, ACTC 2023 Undergraduate Conference, MA, March 2023.
- * “Tragic Pharmacy: The ‘Noble’ Lie and the Fall of Kallipolis.” Friday Night Lecture, Saint John’s College, MD, November 2023.
- “Theology and the Hope of a Christian College.” *Reframing Hope College’s Institutional Saga*, MI, June 2023.
- * “Plato’s *Minos* and the Form of Human Sacrifice.” LMU Philosophy Colloquium, CA, April 2023.
- “Memory, Memorial and Plato’s Socrates.” ACTC 2023 Annual Conference, TX, May 2023.
- “Death and Drama: Socrates’ Last Days and the *Phaedo*’s Final Argument.”
 - *University of St. Thomas, MN, May 2022.
 - *CUA School of Philosophy Fall Lecture Series, *125 Years and Counting*, D.C., November 2021.
 - USF Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies Conference, *Poetry, Philosophy and Mathematics: Performance, Text and External Representations in Ancient Greek Cultural Practices*, FL, March 2020.
- “Mercy as Peacemaking: Augustine and Roman Religion.” APA Central Division Meeting, IL, February 2022.
- “The Dignity of Peace: The Arts of Making and Healing.” de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference, *I Have Called You by Name: Human Dignity in a Secular World*, IN, November 2021.
- “Corporate Sanctity in the Thought of John Henry Newman.”
 - *Chicago Theological Initiative, Christian Holiness and Social Justice Symposium, IL, October 2021.
 - Augustinian Institute Annual Conference, *Spirituality in Philosophy and Theology*, PA, February, 2020.
- “Three Allied Motives for Mercy in Shakespeare’s *The Merchant of Venice*.” Society for Mediaeval and Renaissance Philosophy Inaugural Conference, IN, October 2021.
- “Platonic Psychology and Newman’s Two Ideas of a Mind.” National Institute for Newman Studies Conference, *John Henry Newman: Scholar, Sage, Saint*, PA, September 2021.
- “Great Books contra Critical Thinking.” III European Liberal Arts and Core Texts Education Conference, Pamplona, ESP, October 2019.
- “Newman’s Two Ideas of a Mind.” La educación liberal en John Henry Newman, Pamplona, ESP, October 2019.
- “Theories of Divine Punishment in Augustine’s *City of God*.” International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, ENG, August 2019.
- “Cephalus: A Quotidian Case for Chastity in *Republic I*.” CNU Virtue Ethics Conference, *Is There Still a Secular Virtue of Chastity?* VA, March 2019.
- “Helming to Weaving: Plato’s Evolving Science of Statecraft.” USF Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies Conference, *Sex, Gender and Science in Ancient Greece*, FL, March 2019.

- “Practical Imagination as Moral Performance in Plato’s *Philebus*.” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Annual Conference, NY, October 2017.
- “Moral Exemplarism in Plato’s *Symposium*.” SAGP Annual Conference, NY, October 2016.
- “Death: An Analogy for Refutation in Plato’s *Phaedo*?” SAGP Annual Conference, NY, October 2015.
- “Socrates in the City: Articulating the Themes in Plato’s *Phaedrus*.” SAGP Annual Conference, NY, October 2013.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2025 Haggerty Teaching Excellence Award at the University of Dallas
- 2024 Runner-Up, *ACPQ* Rising Scholar Essay Contest
- 2024 Haggar Scholar Award at the University of Dallas
- 2021-2022 Towsley Research Scholar at Hope College
- 2020 Nyenhuis Faculty Development Grant from Hope College

TALKS & PUBLIC WRITING (*Invited)

- *‘‘Ratzinger, Creation, and Reason,’’ St. Albert the Great Priory and Novitiate, November 2024.
- *‘‘On Liberal Education: Plato and Newman,’’ *Zoomin’ with Newman*, Newman Association of America, November 2024.
- *‘‘Towards Wodehouse’s Epic Similes,’’ *The Mockingbird*, The University of Dallas (Spring 2024).
- *‘‘The Medium is the Message: On the Grace of the Incarnation,’’ MDYA Theology on Tap, April 2024.
- *‘‘Maria Magdalena: Doctor of the True Presence,’’ *Adoro Te* Lecture Series, March 2024.
- *‘‘Mathematics as Daimonic Science,’’ in A. R. Forsyth, *The Silent Science: Mathematics in Life and Thought*, edited by Tristan Abbey (Tampa: Science Venerable Press, 2024).
- *C. J. Keyser, *Escaping the Devils’ Garden*, co-editor with Tristan Abbey (Tampa: Science Venerable Press, 2023).
- *‘‘Descendit ad inferos,’’ *Cornerstone*, The Institute for Human Ecology (December 2023).
- *‘‘The Spirit of Mercy: Almsgiving and Deification,’’ MDYA Theology on Tap, March 2023.
- *‘‘Is the Intellectual Life too Intellectual?’’ The Institute for Human Ecology, November 2022.
- *‘‘A Socratic Guide to Losing Your Beliefs,’’ CUOnline *Lunch and Learn* series, October 2022.
- *‘‘From the Dictatorship of Relativism to the Tyranny of Pathos,’’ MDYA Theology on Tap, September 2022.
- *‘‘A Comment on the Dignity of Peace,’’ *Cornerstone*, The Institute for Human Ecology (July 2022).
- ‘‘Idols and Icons: Views on Race and Racism’’
 - *Department of Philosophy, University of St. Thomas, MN, May 2022.
 - *Hope College Senior Seminar Faculty Colloquium, MI, October 2021.
- *‘‘The Bells of Our Lives,’’ *The Bell Tower* vol. 1 (April 2022).
- *‘‘The Tragic Abyss,’’ *Sacred and Profane Love* podcast, hosted by Jennifer Frey, December 2021.
- ‘‘The Better We Do, the More Grateful and Dependent We Become,’’ *Church Life Journal*, October 2021.

- **“Race, Racism, and Antiracism: A Dialogue on How Christians Should Think about Race.”* Hope College, MI, September 2021.
- **“Plato’s Symposium,” Sacred and Profane Love* podcast, hosted by Jennifer Frey, August 2021.
- *“Laws of Mercy: Aquinas and Shakespeare’s The Merchant of Venice.”* The Collegium Institute at the University of Pennsylvania, *Legal Humanities Fellowship*, PA, February 2021.
- *“Teach Us How to Pray: Prayer for Beginners.”* Saint Benedict Institute at Hope College, *Lenten Meditations*, MI, February 2021.
- *“Friendship in C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien.”* *Dialogues on Friendship* speaker series. Mbagathi Study Centre, Nairobi, Kenya, June 2020.
- *“Maria Magdalena: Doctor to the Apostles.”* Saint Benedict Institute at Hope College, *Apostles of Easter*, MI, April 2020.
- *“Hallows or Gallows: Inspiration, Obligation, and Moral Aspiration.”* First Year Experience Speaker Series, CUA, February 2017.
- *“iHuman: Technology and the Tools of the Good Life.”* FYE Speaker Series, CUA, February 2016.
- *“Names Will Never Hurt Me?”* FYE Speaker Series, CUA, February 2015.

RECENT COURSES

Graduate

Graduate Proseminar	Fall 2025
Plato & Aristotle [<i>Republic</i> & <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>]	Fall 2024
Plato’s <i>Symposium</i> and <i>Phaedo</i>	Spring 2023

Undergraduate

Junior Seminar: The Death of Socrates	Spring 2025
From Ancient to Mediaeval Philosophy	Spring 2025
Contemporary Philosophical Approaches: Philosophy of Race	Fall 2023
Contemporary Philosophical Approaches: Philosophy of Woman	Fall 2025, Fall 2022
Philosophy of Being	Fall 2025, Fall 2024
Philosophy and the Ethical Life	Spring 2024, Spring 2023
Philosophy of Technology	Fall 2021, Spring 2020
The Platonists	Fall 2020
Philosophy and Tragic Literatures	Spring 2021
Greek Tragedy and Christian Comedy	Summer 2023

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
 International Plato Society
 Socrates Society
 The Institute for Human Ecology
 The Bethany Workshop
 El Círculo Newman

LANGUAGES

Swahili, French (reading), Ancient Greek (reading), Latin (intermediate)