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## PROFILE

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Ordinary Professor of Political Economy at The Catholic University of America

Ordinary Member of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas

Distinguished Senior Fellow, Institute for Human Ecology

Husband, father, sportsman, musician

## APPOINTMENTS

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Ordinary Professor of Political Economy, The Catholic University of America, 2016–Present

Professor of Philosophy, Ave Maria University, 2010–2016

Professor of Philosophy and Director of Integrative Research, Institute for the Psychological Sciences, 2008–2010

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Clark University, 1995–2008

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Clark University, 1988–1995

### Visiting Professor:

Brown University (Classics and Philosophy), 1998, 2000, 2005

Pontificia Università della Santa Croce, Rome (Philosophy), 2009

### Visiting Scholar:

Cambridge University (Classics), 2003

University of St Andrews (Public Philosophy), 1997

Harvard University (Philosophy), 2002–2003

## EDUCATION

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Harvard University, Ph.D., Philosophy, 1988 (John Rawls, Supervisor)

University of Edinburgh, M.Litt., Philosophy, 1982 (Ronald W. Hepburn, Supervisor)

Harvard College, A.B., Philosophy, 1980 (Burton Dreben, Supervisor)

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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Aristotle, Plato, Classical Philosophy, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. John Henry Newman, Political Philosophy, Rawls, Political Economy, Professional Ethics, Philosophy of Economics, Hume and Scottish Philosophy, Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Education, Ethics, History of Moral Philosophy, History of Modern Philosophy, Quine, Logic, Philosophy of Logic, Philosophical Logic, Early Analytic Philosophy, Catholic Social Thought, 20th Century Catholic Intellectual Renaissance

## PUBLICATIONS—BOOKS—PHILOSOPHY

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*Walk in the Good Path: Classical Natural Law and Civic Friendship*. The Catholic University of America Press, forthcoming, 2026.

*Natural Law: Five Views* (co-author). Zondervan, 2025.

*Moral Psychology and Human Action in Aristotle* (with Giles Pearson), Oxford University Press, 2011.

*Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics: An Introduction*, Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Translated into Portuguese, *A Ética a Nicômaco: Uma chave de leitura*, Petrópolis, Brazil: Editora Vozes, 2020.

*Nicomachean Ethics VIII and IX*, translation with commentary, Clarendon Aristotle Series, 1998.

*Other Selves: Philosophers on Friendship*, Hackett, 1991.

## PUBLICATIONS—BOOKS—PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

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*Accounting Ethics ... and the Near Collapse of the World's Financial System*, with Mark Cheffers, Allen David Press, 2011

*Understanding Accounting Ethics*, 2nd edition, with Mark Cheffers, Allen David Press, 2007 (translated into Japanese, Spanish, and Serbian)

## PUBLICATIONS—BOOKS—GENERAL READERSHIP

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*The Company We Keep: True Friendship and Why It Matters.* Scepter Press, 2025.

*The Shock of Holiness.* Ignatius Press, 2025.

*Be Good Bankers: The Economic Interpretation of Matthew's Gospel.* Regnery Gateway, 2025.

*Mary's Voice in the Gospel According to St. John.* Regnery Gateway, 2021

*The Memoirs of St. Peter.* Regnery Gateway, 2019.

*The Appalling Strangeness of the Mercy of God.* Ignatius Press, 2011.

## IN PROGRESS OR UNDER REVIEW

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*A Dumb Ox's Prayer to Bellow: St. Thomas Aquinas's Prayer before Study*

*Away from Omelas*

*John Henry Newman the Philosopher*

*Luke's Gospel and the Birth of Christian Romanticism.*

## PUBLICATIONS—PAPERS—CLASSICAL PHILOSOPHY

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"Civic Friendship: Lessons from Aristotle," in Trevor Shelley and Carol McNamara, eds., *Renewing America's Civic Compact*, Lexington Books, 2023, chapter 16.

"Philosophy as a Path of Salvation in the Ancient World," in *Proceedings of the XIX Session of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas*, Serge-Thomas Bonino and Guido Mazzotta, eds., Urbiana University Press, 2020, pp. 11–27.

"'Rectification of Appetite' as Education of Desire within 'Moral' Virtue," in *Desire and Human Flourishing: Perspectives from Positive Psychology, Moral Education, and Virtue Ethics*, ed. Magdalena Bosch, Cham, Switzerland: Springer, 2020, pp. 435–450.

"The Obviousness of the *Kalon* in Aristotle's Ethics," in *Beauty and the Good: Past Interpretations and Their Contemporary Relevance*, Alice Ramos, ed., Catholic University Press, 2020, pp. 72–92.

"Emotions in Aristotle's Ethics," in *Proceedings of the XVIII Session of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas*, Serge-Thomas Bonino and Guido Mazzotta, eds., Urbiana University Press, 2019, pp. 29–46.

"Natural Inclinations in Aquinas' Account of Natural Law," in *Natural Law Today: The Current State of the Perennial Philosophy*, ed. C. Wolfe and S. Brust, Lexington, 2018, pp. 19–32.

"Contempt in Classical Philosophy," in *The Moral Psychology of Contempt*, ed. Michelle Mason, Rowman and Littlefield, 2018, pp. 17–36.

"Aristotle on God as Creator," in *Proceedings of the XVII Session of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas*, Serge-Thomas Bonino and Guido Mazzotta, eds., Urbiana University Press, 2018, pp. 29–46.

- "Aristotle" in the *Cambridge History of Moral Philosophy*, ed. Jens Timmermann and Sacha Golob, Cambridge University Press, 2017, pp. 42–56.
- "Reading Aristotle," in James Warren and F.C.C. Sheffield, eds., *The Routledge Companion to Ancient Philosophy*, Routledge, 2018.
- "Structure and Method in Aquinas's Appropriation of Aristotelian Ethical Theory", in Tobias Hoffmann, Jörn Müller, and Matthias Perkams, eds., *Aquinas and the Nicomachean Ethics*, Cambridge University Press, 2015.
- "Aristotle on Human Rights," *Ave Maria Law Review*, vol. 10.1, Spring 2012.
- "Mixed Actions and Double Effect," in Michael Pakaluk and Giles Pearson, eds., *Moral Psychology and Human Action in Aristotle*, Oxford University Press, 2011, pp. 211–32.
- "The Unity of the *Nicomachean Ethics*," in Jon Miller, ed., *Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics: A Critical Guide*, Cambridge University Press, 2013.
- "Aristotle, Natural Law, and the Founders," on the NEH supported website, *Natural Law, Natural Rights, and American Constitutionalism*, <http://www.nlnrac.org/classical/aristotle>.
- "The Ultimate Final Argument," *Review of Metaphysics*, 63.3, 643–677, 2010.
- "The Great Question of Practical Truth—and a Diminutive Answer," *Acta Philosophica*, 19.1, 2010. 145–59.
- "*Epieikeia* in Aristotle's Ethics: Response to Francesca Piazza: *La Virtù di Emone, Riflessioni sull'epieikeia greca*," *Aevum Antiquum*, 2009.
- "Friendship," in Georgios Anagnostopoulos, ed., *Blackwell Companion to Aristotle*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2009, pp. 471–82.
- "Aristotle's Ethics", in M.L. Gill and P. Pellegrin, eds., *Blackwell Companion to Ancient Philosophy*, Blackwell, 2006, 374–392.
- "Socratic Magnanimity in the *Phaedo*," *Ancient Philosophy*, Spring 2004, 101–117.
- "The Meaning of Aristotelian Magnanimity," *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, vol. 26, Spring 2004, pp. 241–275.
- "Degrees of Separation in the *Phaedo*," *Phronesis*, vol. 48, 2003, pp. 1–27.
- "On an Alleged Contradiction in Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*," *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, vol. 20 (spring), 2002, pp. 201–219.
- "The Egalitarianism of the *Eudemian Ethics*," *Classical Quarterly*, vol. 48, n. 2, 1998, pp. 411–432.
- "Comments on Donald Morrison's 'Unity'," *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*, volume 9, Netherlands: University Press of America, Incorporated, 1995, pp. 157–162.
- "EN VIII.9, 1160a14-30," *Classical Quarterly*, 44 (n.s.), 1994, pp. 46–56.
- "Political Friendship, Ancient and Modern," in Lee Rouner, ed., *Proceedings of the Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion*, 1992–3, University of Notre Dame Press, 197–214.
- "Comments on Stephen A. White, 'Natural Virtue and Perfect Virtue in Aristotle'," *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*, volume 8, Netherlands: University Press of America, Incorporated, 1992, pp. 131–136.
- "Friendship and the Comparison of Goods," *Phronesis* 37, 1992, pp. 111–130.

## PUBLICATIONS—PAPERS—PHILOSOPHY AND THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

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- "Education as a Great Conversation in Newman's Reply to Hume on Miracles," in Juan Velez, editor, *Newman's Educational Philosophy, Writing and Legacy*, Gracewing, forthcoming, 2025.
- "The Nineteenth-Century Transformation of American Universities and Colleges: Newman's Unrealized Ideals," in Juan Velez, editor, *Newman's Educational Philosophy, Writing and Legacy*. Gracewing, forthcoming, 2025.
- Dignitatis Humanae*, "Declaration of Religious Liberty," a new translation, in Fr. Bernard Lucien, *Religious Liberty: Continuity or Contradiction, Reading Dignitatis Humanae within Tradition*, translated by John Pepino, edited by Fr. Antoine-Marie de Araújo, FSVF, Arouca Press, 2025.
- "A Claim of Conscience: The Duty to Prove Oneself a Resistor," with Catherine R. Pakaluk, *The Linacre Quarterly*, (2024); 0(0), 1–16.
- "Cleaving the Natural Law at Its Joints," *The Thomist*, 88 (2024): 41–76.
- "Understanding Novak's *Spirit of Democratic Capitalism* through 'the Corporation'" *Ethics and Bioethics (in Central Europe)* 13 (3-4):169–184 (2023).
- "Approaches to Reading Newman as a Philosopher," in J. Velez, ed. *A Guide to John Henry Newman: His Life and Thought*, The Catholic University of America Press, 2022.
- "Away from Omelas," in T. Borland and A. Hillman, eds., *Dissenting Philosophers*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2022.
- "Reading John Henry Newman," *Newman Rambler: Faith, Culture and the Academy*, April 4, 2021.
- "Two Conceptions of Natural Law," *Divinitas, rivista internazionale di ricerca e di critica teologica*, 2021, pp. 319–336.
- "The Contemporary Reception of St. Thomas on Law and Politics," in Matthew Levering and Marcus Plested, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of the Reception of Aquinas*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021.
- "On What a Theory of Natural Law is Supposed to Be," *Revista Persona y Derecho* (Law Review of the University of Navarre), no. 82, 2020, pp. 167–200.
- "The Meaning of Sex Differences and Marriage in Maritain," in Heidi Giebel, ed., *The Things that Matter: Essays on the Later Work of Jacques Maritain*, The Catholic University of America Press, 2018.
- "From Natural Law to Natural Rights in John Locke," in *The Modern Turn*, The Catholic University of America Press 2017, pp. 89–111.
- "A Glance at the Face of God," in *The Religious Philosophy of Roger Scruton*, Peter J. Bryson, ed., Bloomsbury, 2016, pp. 89–96.
- "The Significance of Sports," chapter 5 in *An American Life: Essays Dedicated to Michael Novak*, ed. Elizabeth C. Shaw, Sapientia Press, 2015, pp. 61–69.
- "Writing from Left to Right," chapter 7 in *An American Life: Essays Dedicated to Michael Novak*, ed. Elizabeth C. Shaw, Sapientia Press, 2015, pp. 83–90.
- "Is the New Natural Law Thomistic?" *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, June 2013, pp. 57–67.

"The Light of the Truth of the Gospels for the Common Good," *Proceedings of the XIII Plenary Session of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas, Credere, amare e vivere la verità*, 21–23 June 2013 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2014), pp. 183–193.

"Some Observations on Natural Law," *Diametros* 38, December 2013, pp. 153–175.

"The Liberalism of John Rawls: A Brief Exposition", in C. Wolfe and J. Hittinger, eds., *Liberalism at the Crossroads: An Introduction to Liberal Political Theory and Its Critics*; Rowman and Littlefield, substantially revised, 2nd edition, 2003, 1–20.

"A Defense of Scottish Commonsense," *Philosophical Quarterly*, vol. 52, 2002, 151–168. (Reprinted in John Haldane and Stephen Read, eds. *The Philosophy of Thomas Reid: A Collection of Essays*, Blackwell, 2003.)

"Natural Law and Civil Society," in Simone Chambers and Will Kymlicka, eds., *Alternative Conceptions of Civil Society*, Princeton University Press, 2001, 131–150.

"Is the Common Good of Political Society Limited and Instrumental?" *Review of Metaphysics*, vol. 55, 2001, pp. 799–816.

"The Interpretation of Bertrand Russell's Gray's Elegy Argument," in A. Irvine and G. Wedeking, eds. *Bertrand Russell and Analytic Philosophy*, University of Toronto Press, 1993, 37–65.

"The Doctrine of Relations in Russell's *Principles of Mathematics*," *Tópicos*, Spring 1992, 153–182.

"Quine's 1946 Lectures on Hume," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 27, 1989, pp. 445–459.

"Cleanthes' Case for Theism," *Sophia*, 27, pp. 11–19, April 1988.

"Philosophical 'Types' in Hume's *Dialogues*," in V. Hope, ed., *Philosophers of the Scottish Enlightenment*, Edinburgh University Press, 1984, 116–132.

## **PUBLICATIONS—PAPERS, WHITE PAPERS, COMMENT LETTERS IN ACCOUNTING AND ACCOUNTING ETHICS RELATED AREAS**

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Robert Warren and Michael Pakaluk, "Law Enforcement Agencies and Corporate Fraud," in *Corporate Fraud Exposed: A Comprehensive and Holistic Approach*, edited by H. Kent Baker, Lynnette Purda, and Samir Saadi, Emerald Publishing Ltd, Bingley, UK, 2020, pp. 299–320.

"The Illusion of Insight in an Extended Auditor's Report," March 16, 2017, SSRN no. 2934682.

"Extended Auditor's Reports in 2014 FTSE 100 Statutory Filings: The Brave New World of Audit Reporting," (with Bob Kueppers, CPA, and John Pakaluk, CPA), Audit Analytics White Paper, December, 2016.

"Expanded Audit Reports in FTSE 100 Companies, 2013–2015: How Reports Change with Change of Auditor," Audit Analytics White Paper, December 2015.

Comment letter to the PCAOB regarding Rulemaking Docket No. 037—Concept Release on Auditor Independence and Audit Firm Rotation (with Mark Cheffers), April 11, 2012,

[https://pcaobassets.azureedge.net/pcaob-](https://pcaobassets.azureedge.net/pcaob-dev/docs/defaultsource/rulemaking/docket037/642markcheffersmichaelpakaluk.pdf?sfvrsn=fc60acd30)

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Comment letter to the SEC regarding the proposed amendments to Regulation D, Form D, proposed in Release 33-9416, September 23, 2013, <https://www.sec.gov/comments/s7-06-13/s70613.shtml>.

"Reply to Karpoff et al. (2012), 'A Critical Analysis of Databases Used in Financial Misconduct Research'," August 8, 2012, SSRN no. 2127460.

Comment letter to the SEC regarding the Roadmap to IFRS convergence, April 7, 2009, <https://www.sec.gov/comments/s7-27-08/s72708-93.pdf>

## PUBLICATIONS—BOOK REVIEWS

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M. Malink, *Aristotle's Modal Syllogistic*, in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 2014.03.04.

J. Miller, *The Reception of Aristotle's Ethics*, in *Ethics*, Vol. 124, No. 3 (April 2014), pp. 645–64.

J. Echeñique, *Aristotle's Ethics and Moral Responsibility*, in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 2013.11.42.

E. Garver, *Aristotle's Politics: Living Well and Living Together*, reviewed in *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, Volume 92, Issue 1, January 2014, pages 190–192.

C. Shields, *Aristotle*, reviewed in the *Journal of Hellenic Studies*, 2012.

E. Salem, *In Pursuit of the Good: Intellect and Action in Aristotle's Ethics*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2010.04.06.

G.E.M. Anscombe, *Faith in a Hard Ground*, reviewed in *New Blackfriars*, July 2010.

C.C. W. Taylor, *Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics II–IV*, reviewed in *Classical Review*, 60:1, Fall 2009.

D. Sedley, ed., *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, vol. XVII, Summer 2004, reviewed in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 2006 (3.10).

R. King, *Aristotle on Life and Death*, reviewed in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 2004 (6.10).

D. Sedley, ed., *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, Volume XVII, 1999, reviewed in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 2001 (7.22).

R. Weiss, *Socrates Dissatisfied*, reviewed in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 2000 (6.25).

J. Howland, *The Paradox of Political Philosophy*, reviewed in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 2000 (2.36).

A. Tessitore, *Aristotle on Virtue and Politics*, reviewed in *Ancient Philosophy* 18, 1998.

P. Simpson, *The Politics of Aristotle*, reviewed in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 1998 (1.21).

M. McPherran, *The Religion of Socrates*, reviewed in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 1997 (12.11).

S. P. Menn, *Plato on God as Nous*, reviewed in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 1997 (12.12).

P. Vander Waerdt, *The Socratic Movement*, reviewed in *Ancient Philosophy* 17, 1997.

O. Leaman, ed. *Friendship East and West: Philosophical Perspectives*, reviewed in the *Times Literary Supplement*, March 21, 1997.

A. Kenny, *Aristotle on the Perfect Life*, reviewed in *Ancient Philosophy* 15, 1995.

D. Spadafora, *The Idea of Progress in Eighteenth-Century Britain*, reviewed in *Review of Metaphysics*, 45, 1991.

A. Price, *Love and Friendship in Plato and Aristotle*, in *Mind* 1990.

Anthony Flew, Donald Livingston, George I. Mavrodes, and David Fate Norton, *Hume's Philosophy of Religion*, in *Bulletin of the Hume Society*, Fall, 1989, p. 6.

## PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES, ACADEMIC

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"A Plea for a Passionate Moral Psychology," XXVI International Conference of Philosophy, "Emotions and Flourishing," Pontificia Università della Santa Croce, Rome, February 25, 2026.

"A Dumb Ox's Prayer to Bellow," Thomistic Summer Institute, Thomas Aquinas College, Santa Paula, California, June 7, 2025.

"Virtues and Precepts," Keynote Lecture, Thomistic Summer Institute, Thomas Aquinas College, Santa Paula, California, June 14, 2024.

"Newman on Faith," Fall Lecture Series on "Faith and Reason," School of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, October 20, 2023.

"Newman and Philosophy," Keynote lecture, John Henry Newman Association of America, annual meeting, August 4, 2023.

"How Public Choice Economics Can Inform Catholic Social Thought," Southern Economic Association, Fort Lauderdale, FL, November 21, 2022.

"Lessons from Aristotle's Ethics," Thomas Aquinas College East Coast, Northfield, Massachusetts, November 11, 2022.

"Three Divisions of Labor: The Origin of Our Propensity to Truck, Barter, and Exchange," Research Seminar, Busch School of Business, September 9, 2022.

"Four Practical Lessons of Aristotle's Ethics," Eric Voegelin Institute, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, April 27, 2022.

"Prospects for Shared Rationality," Department of Philosophy and Religion, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan, April 7, 2022.

"Limits on Methodological Individualism," with Catherine R. Pakaluk, Public Choice Society, Nashville, Tennessee, March 11, 2022.

"Cooperation, Formal and Material," Seminar on Professional Ethics, Elmbrook Center, Cambridge, Mass., March 5, 2022.

"Remarks on Aristotelian Civic Friendship," in conference on "Renewing America's Civic Compact," School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership (SCETL), Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, February 25–26, 2022.

"The Gospel of St. John," Honors Program Distinguished Lecture Series, Providence College, Providence, RI, November 12, 2021.

"How to Teach Business Ethics," Colloquium, Providence College, November 12, 2021.

"Comments on Andy Yuengert, 'Catholic Social Teaching and Economics in Dialog: The Problem of Virtue,'" CREDO Economics and CST Virtual Workshop, Lumen Christi Institute, 10 September 2021.

"Ethics of Research Using Fetal Cell Lines Derived from Abortion," Department of Philosophy, Ave Maria University, April 15, 2021.

"Confidentiality," Elmbrook Center Seminar on Professional Ethics, Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 5, 2020.

"Aristotle's Methods of Ethics: *Nicomachean Ethics*, I.4," International Aristotle Workshop, Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain, Belgium, Feb. 13, 2020.

"Aristotle on Liberty: Friend or Foe?" George Fox University, Newberg, Oregon, Feb. 6, 2020.

"Introduction to John Henry Newman," Thomistic Institute, Columbia University, Nov. 18, 2019.

"Love a Unitive and Binding Force: *Nicomachean Ethics* IX.3," International Aristotle Workshop, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, Oct. 17, 2019.

"Introduction to John Henry Newman," Thomistic Institute, New York University, October 10, 2019.

"Philosophy as a Path of Salvation in the Classical World," Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas, Vatican City, Rome, June 14, 2019.

"Virtue's Role in Civic Prosperity and Leo XIII and Adam Smith," Ciocca Scholars Conference, "Adam Smith Meets Leo XIII," The Catholic University of America, April 13, 2019.

"Grisez' Critique of Aquinas on the Ultimate End of Human Life," Thomistic Institute, Duke University, April 11, 2019.

"Aristotle on the Three Species of Friendship," Aristotle Workshop, Union College, New York, October 18, 2018.

"What Natural Law is Meant to Be," Scherer Lecture, University of Dallas, March 22, 2018.

"The *Kalon* in Aristotle's Ethics: Preliminary Considerations," Ancient and Medieval Aesthetics Workshop, Boston College, Aug 3, 2017.

"Aristotle on God as Creator," Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas, Vatican City, Rome, June 17, 2017.

"Puzzles of Condolence: Why We are Pleased When a Friend Shares Our Sorrow," Aquinas Institute, Blackfriars, Oxford, May 20, 2017.

"Aristotelian Friendship," Trinity Seminar, Christ Church College, Oxford, May 19, 2017.

"Book VIII of the *Nicomachean Ethics*," Conference on "Unfettering Philosophy: Reading Aristotle's 'Ethics' in the 21st Century," part of the Millennial Classics Series, in the Department of Politics, sponsored by the Voegelin Institute and the Roger Hadfield Ogden Honors College, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 31, 2017.

"Why the *Nicomachean Ethics* is a 'Great Book'," Keynote Address, Conference on "Unfettering Philosophy: Reading Aristotle's 'Ethics' in the 21st Century," Millennial Classics Series, in the Department of Politics, sponsored by the Voegelin Institute and the Roger Hadfield Ogden Honors College, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 31, 2017.

"Conscience," Elmbrook Center Seminar on Professional Ethics, Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 4, 2017.

"Identification and Identity in Aristotelian Friendship," Fall Lecture Series on Friendship, School of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, September 30, 2016.

"Aristotle on Justice," Prague Aristotle Workshop, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, September 14–17, 2016.

"The Founders and Aristotle," Honors College Lecture Series, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama, April 15, 2016.

"The Meaning of Sex Differences and Marriage in Maritain," Plenary Session, American Maritain Association annual conference, Fordham University, Lincoln Center, New York, February 27, 2016.

Response to Thomas Pink, "Law and the Normativity of Obligation," Department of Philosophy, Ave Maria University, December 8, 2015.

"Aristotle a Living Authority for the American Founders," Torrey Honors Institute Lecture Series, Biola University, November 9, 2015.

"Aristotle on Anger," Honors Seminar, Biola University, Los Angeles, November 9, 2015.

"Aristotle on Mildness," Aristotle Workshop, Union College, Schenectady, New York, October 16, 2015.

"The Consistency of Rawlsian Liberalism with the Public Philosophy of the Founders," American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, September 4, 2015.

"The Significance of the *Kalon* in Aristotle's Ethics," Rice University, Houston, April 10, 2015.

"Aristotle on the Missing Sense," University of St. Thomas, Houston, April 9, 2015.

"Aristotle on the Missing Sense," Research Seminar in Ancient Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil, April 2, 2015

"The Significance of the *Kalon* in Aristotle's Ethics," Research Seminar in Ancient Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil, March 31, 2015.

"Aristotle a Living Authority for the American Founders," Pembroke College, Oxford, England, March 18, 2015.

"The Significance of the *Kalon* in Aristotle's Ethics," Aristotle Workshop, Catholic University of Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, December 19–21, 2014.

"The Declaration of Independence as a Paradigm of Appeals to Natural Law," James Wilson Seminar on Jurisprudence and Natural Law, Washington, DC, May 3, 2014.

"A Glance at the Face of God", conference on Roger Scruton on "The Sacred," McGill University, Montreal, April 12–13, 2014.

"The Common Good of Humanity," Plenary Session of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas, Vatican City, June 21–22, 2013.

"*Nicomachean Ethics* 1174b14-1175a3," Workshop on Pleasure in the *Nicomachean Ethics*, Catholic University of Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, February 14–15, 2012.

"Aristotle's Doctrine of the Mean Reconsidered," conference "In the Footsteps of the Ancients" in honor of Sarah Waterlow Broadie, St. Andrews University, St. Andrews, Scotland, Nov. 5–6, 2011.

"The Family as Containing the Archaic of Political Society," Wheatley Institution, Brigham Young University, September 15, 2011.

"From Natural Law to Natural Rights in John Locke," Fall Lecture Series, "The Modern Turn," The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., November 12, 2010.

"The Appeal to Nature and the Household in Aristotle, *Politics* I," 10th Philosophy in Assos Conference, Assos, Turkey, June 29, 2010.

"The Definitional Priority of Agent to Act," conference on *Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics*, Book VI: Intertwining Interpretations, University of Patras, Department of Philosophy 10th Anniversary Conference, Patras, Greece, June 26, 2010.

"Neuroscience and Friendship," Newman Lecture Series, Potomac Institute, Arlington, Virginia, May 21, 2010.

"The Sixth and Seventh Ways," Thomistic Studies Colloquium, Institute del Verbo Incarnato (IVE), Washington D.C., March 12, 2010.

"Natural and Conventional Justice in *Nicomachean Ethics* V.7," Campus Martius Seminar, Acton Institute, Rome, Italy, 28 May 2009.

"The Individuation of the Virtues in Aristotle's Ethics," 'White Russians' Seminar, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy, 20 May 2009.

"The Great Question—and a Diminutive Answer: On 'Practical Truth' in Aristotle," Faculty of Philosophy, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome, Italy, 23 April 2009.

"Practical Truth in Anscombe and Aristotle," International Conference on Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*, book VI, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, 15–17 October 2008.

"*De Anima* 404b7-30: Cognition as a Mark of the Soul," Mayweek Seminar, Faculty of Classics, Cambridge University, 27 May 2008.

"Observations on the Right to Property," Conference on Competition and the Free Market, Hayek Society, University of Vienna, 5 May 2008.

"Necessitation and Double Effect in *Nic. Eth.* III.1," Philosophy Department, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, 18 April 2008.

"To Die For?—Happiness and Aristotelian Courage," Philosophy Department, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., March 28, 2008.

"Reply to 'Aquinas on Judging Injustice'," Eastern Division APA, Baltimore, MD, 29 December 2007.

"Aristotle and the Runaway Chariot Problem," Faculty of Philosophy, Cambridge University, 24 April 2007.

"The Dignity of the Human Person and the Philosophy of John Rawls", Conference on the Philosophical Foundations of Human Dignity, Ralph McInerny Center, Washington, D.C., 3 March 2006.

"The Ultimate Final Argument," Department of Philosophy, University of Cincinnati, 17 November 2006.

"*Magnitudo Animi* in Cicero's *De Officiis*," Mayweek Seminar, Faculty of Classics, Cambridge University, 31 May 2006.

"*De Somniis* 2," Mayweek Seminar, Faculty of Classics, Cambridge University, 1 June 2005.

"Aristotle and Moral Absolutes" Department of Philosophy, Universidad Panamericana, Mexico City, 28 January 2005.

"The Meaning of Aristotelian Magnanimity," Department of Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin, 2 March 2004; and B Club, Faculty of Classics, Cambridge University, 12 May 2003.

"Plato, *Alcibiades I*", New York University, New York City Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, New York, New York, 11 October 2003.

"*De Sensu* 4," Mayweek Seminar, Faculty of Classics, Cambridge University, 28 May 2003.

"'Silencing' in Platonic Ethics," Eighth Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, 23 February 2003.

"The Ultimate Final Argument," Conference on Mind and Nature in the Ancient World, University of California, Davis, 4 October 2002.

"Degrees of Separation in the *Phaedo*," 25th Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Texas, Austin, 23 March 2002.

"Reply to Stephen Gardiner on 'Basic and Non-Basic Virtues'," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 31 March 2001.

"Commentary on Jennifer Whiting," Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Boston College, 30 November 2000.

"*Nicomachean Ethics* VIII.1-7," New York City Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, New York University, New York, New York, 14 October 2000.

"Commentary on John Sisko," Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Brown University, 16 March 2000.

"The Development of John Rawls' Political Philosophy," Conference on Law and Religion, Centre for Renewal in Public Policy, Chateau Montebello, Quebec, 15–18 October 1999.

"Is There a Specifically Political Common Good in Aquinas?" Conference on the Common Good, University of Notre Dame Law School, 8 November 1997.

"Aristotle on Reflective Perception and Friendship: *Nicomachean Ethics* IX.9," Brown University Department of Classics, 16 April 1997.

"Plato's *Lysis* and Platonic *lysis*," Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Annual Meeting, Binghamton, New York, 22 October 1995.

"How the Problem of Egoism and Altruism Appeared to Aristotle," Brown University Philosophy Department, 20 April 1995.

"Eudemian vs. Nicomachean Friendship," Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Binghamton, New York, 23 October 1993.

"Romantic Individualism: The Role of Individuality in Liberal Political Theory," Conference on Problems of Contemporary Liberalism, American Public Philosophy Institute, Princeton University, 6 June 1992.

"Must All Relations Be Dyadic?" Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, San Diego, CA, 28 March 1992.

"Comments on Stephen A. White, 'Doing Fine in Seeking Good: Aristotle on Virtuous Motives,'" Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Boston College, 6 February 1993.

"The Interpretation of Bertrand Russell's Gray's Elegy Argument," Conference on "Bertrand Russell and the Rise of Analytic Philosophy," University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, June 1991.

"Quine's Lectures on Hume," Hume Society Conference, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland, August 1984.

## PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES, GENERAL AUDIENCE

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"The Importance of Friendship," St. Paul Newman Center, North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota, January 30, 2025.

"St. Augustine *City of God* Book XIV," three conferences, Presentation of the Lord Parish, Montgomery, Texas, October 13–14, 2023.

"The Three Ahmaris," conference on "Has Liberalism Failed?", Social Research Colloquium, The Catholic University of America, September 9, 2023.

"John Henry Newman on the Development of Doctrine," Thomistic Institute, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan, April 6, 2022.

"The *De Incarnatione* of St. Athanasius," three seminars, St. Louis Abbey (in conjunction with Portsmouth Abbey), St. Louis, Missouri, November 5–7, 2021.

"The 20th Century Catholic Intellectual Renaissance," University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, October 26, 2021.

"Why I Am a Catholic," University of North Texas, Denton, Texas, October 14, 2021.

## EDITORIAL CONSULTING

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Guest editor, Special Issue on The Thought of Michael Novak, *Ethics and Bioethics (in Central Europe)*, 2024

*Argument: Biannual Philosophical Journal* (Krakow, Poland)

*American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*

*Ancient Philosophy*

*Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*

*Australasian Journal of Philosophy*

Blackwell

Cambridge University Press

*Canadian Journal of Philosophy*

Catholic University of America Press

*Classical Bulletin*

*Classical Philology*

Cornell University Press

*Dialogoi: Ancient Philosophy Today*

*Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*

*Ethics and Bioethics (Central Europe)*

*European Journal of Philosophy*

Fairleigh Dickinson University Press  
*Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Quarterly*  
*Forum Philosophicum* (University Ignatium in Krakow)  
*History of Political Thought Journal*  
*Hume Studies*  
*Idealistic Studies*  
*Journal of Business Ethics*  
*The Journal of Ethics*  
*Journal of Forensic and Investigative Accounting*  
*Journal of the History of Philosophy*  
*Journal of Moral Philosophy*  
*Journal of Philosophical Research*  
*Journal of Social Ontology*  
*Mnemosyne*  
*Modern Theology*  
*Mind*  
*National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*  
*Noûs*  
*Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*  
Oxford University Press  
*Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*  
Peter Lang  
*Philosophical Quarterly*  
*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*  
*Phoenix*  
*Polis*  
*Review of Politics*  
Routledge  
*Southern Journal of Philosophy*  
*Synthese*  
*Topics*  
University of Pittsburgh Press  
WW Norton & Company

## COURSES (SELECT)

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Political Economy Capstone, Orestes Brownson, Political Economy, Political Philosophy, The 20th Century Catholic Intellectual Renaissance, History of Ancient Philosophy, Aristotle Seminar, Problems from Aristotle, Aristotle's *De Anima* (in Greek), Aristotle's *Categories* (in Greek), Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* (in Greek), Plato Seminar, Plato's *Phaedo*, Plato's *Republic*, Plato's *Sophist*, Plato's *Gorgias* (in Greek), Aristotle's Ethics, Arguments from Aristotle, Aristotle's Psychology, History of Medieval Philosophy, Metaphysics, Thomistic Metaphysics in Latin (taught from Gredt), Analytic Metaphysics, Hume Seminar, History of Modern Philosophy, John Locke, Origins of Analytic Philosophy, Philosophy of Logic, Introduction to Logic, Intermediate Logic, Single Variable Calculus, Philosophy of Language, The Ordinary Language Philosophy of J.L. Austin, Contemporary Moral Theory, Law and Morality, The Philosophy of John Henry Newman, Philosophy of Human Nature, Contemporary Moral Problems, Accounting Ethics, Accounting Theory, Business Ethics, Political Economy, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Markets and Prosperity, Justice and Social Justice

## POPULAR WRITING

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Opinion pieces in *First Things*, *Crux*, *Crisis*, *The Catholic Thing*, *Catholic Answers*, *Our Sunday Visitor*, *Law & Liberty*, *The Boston Pilot* and other forums of opinion

## ACADEMIC, INSTITUTIONAL, AND RELATED SERVICE

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### **The Catholic University of America**

Acting Dean, Busch School of Business (2018–19)

Dean of Faculty (Associate Dean), Busch School of Business (2017–18)

Academic Integrity Committee (2016–17)

Faculty Adviser, Anscombe Society (2017–present)

### **American Catholic Philosophical Association**

Executive Committee (2018–present)

### **International Aristotle Workshop**

Program Committee and Co-Director (2013–present)

### **Napa Institute**

Ecumenical Outreach Steering Committee (2024–present)

### **Friends of St. Thomas Aquinas**

(a not for profit Nevada corporation)

Founding Director (2019–2020)

## **Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas**

Director of Fiscal Sponsorship under the Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation

## **Ave Maria University**

Chairman (Philosophy Department) (2010–16)

Academic Affairs Committee (2012–14)

Committee of Chairs (2010–16)

Faculty Adviser (Gyrene Gazette; Philosophy Club; In Vino Sanitas; Anscombe Society) (2012–16)

## **Center for Cultural Renewal, Korcula Institute, Korcula, Croatia**

Professor (2009–12)

## **Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy (BACAP)**

Director (1993–2008)

## **Neuwaldegg Institute, Schloss Neuwaldegg, Vienna, Austria**

Dean of Faculty (2005–8)

## **Clark University (1988–2008)**

Admissions Committee

University Judicial Board

College Board

Honorary Degree Committee

## **THOMISTIC INSTITUTE**

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Christian Friendship, M.I.T., March 15, 2026

Introduction to John Henry Newman, Virginia Military Institute, March 4, 2026

An Hour of Study is an Hour of Prayer, University of Washington, January 22, 2025

St. Thomas's Prayer before Study, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, October 30, 2024

How to Read the New Testament, University of Miami, April 13, 2024

Classical versus Modern Ethics, Queens University, Ontario, Canada, March 6, 2023

What Study Means for a Christian, University of Kansas, February 23, 2023

Why I Am a Catholic, University of Arizona, November 1, 2022

The Catholic Intellectual Renaissance of the 20th Century, October 26, 2021

Introduction to John Henry Newman, Columbia University, November 18, 2019

Introduction to John Henry Newman, New York University, October 10, 2019

The Ultimate End of Human Life, Duke University, April 11, 2019

Wisdom from Aquinas in the Age of Social Media, US Naval Academy, November 13, 2018

## LIBERTY FUND

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Carl Schmitt's Challenge to Freedom in Society (Director), Perdido Beach, AL, Feb 2–4, 2024  
Freedom and Responsibility in Puccini's *Tosca* (Discussion Leader), St. Louis, MO, June 20–23, 2023  
Publius and the Federalist Papers, Jekyll Island, GA, Nov 17–20, 2022  
The Telos of the University, Boston, MA, Sept 29–Oct 2, 2022  
History of the Concept of Value (Discussion Leader), Santa Marta, Colombia, July 6–10, 2022  
Theories of Human Nature, Greenville, SC, June 23–26, 2022  
Carl Menger's *Principles of Economics*, Las Vegas, NV, March 31–April 3, 2022  
Religious Liberty in Poulenc's *Dialogues des Carmelites*, Houston, TX, January 15–18, 2022  
John Rawls' *Theory of Justice*, 50 Years Later, Miami, FL, November 21–24, 2021  
Frank Knight on Risk, Uncertainty, and Profit, February 5–6, 2021  
Grotius and the Origins of Natural Law, Cartagena, Colombia, November 28–Dec 2, 2018

## RÖPKE-WOJTYLA FELLOWSHIP—FACULTY FELLOW

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Executive Session, April 18, 2026  
Colloquium, October 25, 2025  
Colloquium, October 24, 2024  
Colloquium, October 28, 2023  
Colloquium, October 29, 2022  
Colloquium, October 23, 2021  
Colloquium, October 24, 2020  
Colloquium, June 22, 2019  
Colloquium, October 27, 2018  
Colloquium, February 10, 2018

## JAMES WILSON INSTITUTE—SENIOR FELLOW

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Seminar, October 21, 2023  
Seminar, May 6–7, 2022  
Seminar, November 18–19, 2021  
Seminar, April 13–14, 2021  
Seminar, October 16, 2020

Seminar, November 1–2, 2019

Seminar, May 3–4, 2019

Seminar, November 3–4, 2017

Seminar, January 19, 2017

Seminar, October 20, 2016

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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Worcester Public Library, Director (1994–2000)

Abby Kelley Foster Regional Charter School, Worcester, Mass., Founding Trustee (1996–2002)

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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Ordinarius, Pontifical Academy of Saint Thomas Aquinas (appointed Dec 8, 2011)

Ave Maria University "Refiner's Fire" Award (for high standards in teaching), 2012

Ave Maria University Faculty Adviser of the Year, 2013

Marshall Scholar, 1980–82

Junior Year Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard College