

CURRICULUM VITAE
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Areas of Specialization:

Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Greek, Latin, and Arabic Thought, especially Aquinas, Albert the Great, Averroes
Metaphysics, Cosmology, Philosophical Theology, Philosophy of Language, Causality, Free Will

Areas of Concentration

Semantics and Essentialism, History of Analytic Philosophy

Degrees: (summa cum laude), 1987

Ph.D., University of Toronto, Joint Ph.D. Program in Philosophy and Medieval Studies, 1993

Academic

Experience:

University of Toronto, Teaching Assistant, Philosophy, Greek, Latin, 1982-1986

Oratory Philosophy Programme, Toronto, Ontario, Instructor, 1986-1991

Marquette University, Assistant Professor, 1991-1999

Marquette University, Associate Professor, 1999-present

Marquette University, Professor, 2020-present

Languages:

Reading Competency: Greek, Latin, Arabic, Hebrew, Portuguese

Speaking and Reading Competency:

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- [26] "The Emanation Scheme of Albert the Great and the Questions of Divine Free Will and Mediated Creation." In K. Krause and R. Taylor (eds.), *Albert the Great and His Arabic Sources: Medieval Science between Inheritance and Emergence*. Turnhout: Brepols, 2024, 55 pp.
- [27] "Aristotle Less Transformed: Averroes and the Prime Mover not as Artist but as Art." In

- [85] "Averroes as Critic and Continuator within the Heritage of Philoponus' Philosophical Theology." Lateran University, Rome. Invited. Level: international.
- [84] "The Origin of Aquinas' Essence-Existence Real Distinction in De ente 43 Avicenna and Alexander." Symposium Thomisticum, Barcelona. Invited. Level: international.
- [83] "Albert the Great and Roger Bacon as Inheritors of Cosmological Thinking Traceable to Grosseteste and to an English Tradition. St. Bonaventure as a Reader of St. Albert the Great. International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, Michigan. Invited. Level: international.

2022

- [82] "John of Jandun on Prime Mover Faithful to Averroes?" Jean de Jandun et son temps: Nouvelles perspectives de recherche, Sorbonne, Paris, 2022. Invited (fully funded). Level: international.
- [81] "What Is the Most Important Passage in Aquinas' Metaphysics? The Foundations of Being." First Principles: Semantical, Metaphysical, Theological. Society for the European History of Ideas. School of Arts and Humanities, University of Lisbon, Portugal, 2022. Invited (fully funded). Level: international.
- [80] "Aquinas on How God 'Applies Our Free Will to Action': The Causality of Free Will Actions." Symposium Thomisticum, Prague, 2022. Invited. Level: international.
- [79] "The Cosmology of Roger Bacon." Roger Bacon Symposium, Franciscan Institute, St Bonaventure University, 2022. Invited. Level: international.

2021

- [78] "Do Accidents Contain Inhering in a Substance in Their Definition? Siger vs. Aquinas and the Background in Avicenna, The Metaphysics and Theology of the Eucharist." Research Center for the History of Ideas, Institute for Hungarian Research, Budapest. Invited.
- [77] "The Essence-Existence Distinction behind Aquinas: Avicenna as Turning Point." Philosophy in the Abrahamic Traditions: Structures of Being, World and Mind, online conference during covid. Invited. Keynote Seminar.

2020

- [76] "What Christendom Owes to Judaism in the Islamic World." Ron Daud and the Two Lights That Are Science and Religion. Nitzotzot Online Conference, Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv. Invited.

2019

- [75] "Philosophy's History via the Semantic Triangle and the Importance of Avicenna, Maimonides and Aquinas." Tikkun Olam. Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv. Invited.

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[72] "How the Prime Mover Is an Efficient Cause in Aristotle, Alexander and Averroes."
Dipartimento di Filosofia. Università del Salento, Lecce, Italy. Invited.

[71] "What in Aquinas' Doctrine of esse Act Is not Found in His Arabic and Latin
Predecessors?" School of Philosophy. The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

2018

[70] "Knowing the Essence-Existence Distinction: al-Kāshānī as a Key to Aquinas'
Teaching" Human Knowing in the Medieval Arabic and Latin Traditions. Marrakesh,
Morocco.

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2010

[43] "How Eternal Beings Are Caused: Three Aristotelian Doctrines in Averroes's Long Commentaries on Aristotle: 'La cosmologie d'Averroès entre physique, métaphysique et théologie,'" Séminaire du Centre d'histoire des Sciences et des Philosophies Arabes et Médiévales, Centre Nationale des Recherches Scientifiques, Université de Paris.

[42] "The Identification Stage in an Argument for a Non-Theistic God." *Metaphysics: Aristotelian, Scholastic, Analytic*. Prague, Czech Republic.

2009

[41] "Aquinas's Early Appropriation of Averroes: The *Summa contra gentiles*'s Reading of Aristotle's Physics" Séminaire de recherche sur Thomas d'Aquin et ses sources arabes Bibliothèque du Saulchoir, Paris, France.

[40] "The Avicennian Realism of Essence in Aquinas." *Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics*. American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting New Orleans, Louisiana.

[39] "Introduction of the Aquinas Medalist for 2009: Roland J. Teske," *American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting* New Orleans, Louisiana.

2007

[38] "Epistemology as the Key to Causality in Averroes." *The Muslim, Christian, and Jewish Heritage: Philosophical and Theological Explorations in the Abrahamic Traditions*. Marquette

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[31] "Aristotle's De motu (and Averroes) as the Key to the Reconciliation of Aristotle's Texts on the Prime Mover." Conference on Issues on Motion and Mind. Marquette University.

2005

[30] "The Averroean Schema for the Prime Mover and its Medieval Latin Varieties". Averroès et les Averroïsmes en France et Latin. Université Paris X.

[29] "Proposed: A Non-Question-Begging Argument for the Real Distinction between Essence and Esse." School of Philosophy The Catholic University of America.

[28] "Toward a Ground for Ethics: The Proof of the Existence of a Non-Theistic God". Praxis y Verdad. Universidad Panamericana. Mexico.

2003

[27] "On Which God Should Be the Target of a Proof of God's Existence: In Defense of a Non-Theistic God." 21st World Congress of Philosophy Section: Philosophy of Religion. Istanbul.

[26] "On Really Distinguishing Essence from Esse in Aquinas: Some Help from Aristotle". Holy Cross University.

[25] "Proposed: A Non-Question-Begging Argument for the Real Distinction between Essence and Esse." Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics. American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting Houston.

2002

[24] "To Which God Must a Proof of God's Existence Conclude for Aquinas?" Colloquium on Medieval Philosophy Cornell University. Ithaca, New York.

[23] "A God for Non-Theists? A Defense of Aquinas' Non-Theistic Definition of the Name God." Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics. American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting Cincinnati, Ohio.

[22] "On Which God Should Be the Target of a Proof of God's Existence?". Gregorian University, Rome.

2000

[21] "Averroes and Scotus on Self-Motion." International Congress on Medieval Studies Kalamazoo, Michigan.

[20] "Can God's Existence Be Proved?" University of Wisconsin, Whitewater.

[19] "To What Attributes Must a Proof of God's Existence Conclude for Aquinas?" Congress 2000: Aquinas as Authority. Thomas Instituut. Utrecht, Netherlands.

[18] "On Really Distinguishing Being from Essence." Institute on Aquinas. Notre Dame University.

1999

[17] "Averroes' Non-Metaphysical Proof of God's Existence". Annual Convention of the Medieval Academy of America. Georgetown University Washington, D.C.

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1989

[2] "Everything Moved is Moved by Another: The last Word." International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, Michigan.

1986

[1] "Aquinas and the God of Aristotle's Physics" International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Other P

1998 Co-organizer of three sessions on Aquinas, International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

1997 Session Chair and Participant, Aquinas, International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

1996 Session Chair and Participant, Aquinas, International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Participant in Institute on Aquinas, Notre Dame University

1993 Session Chair and Participant, Aquinas, International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

TEACHING

Dissertations Directed

Nathaniel Taylor 2022. The Argument for the Real Distinction between Being and Essence from the Categories. Ph.D. dissertation, Notre Dame University.

Phil 6955: Text/Seminar on Later Medieval Philosophy Scotus, Ockham and the 'Arabs'
Phil 222: Text/Seminar on Earlier High Medieval Philosophy Existential Metaphysics in the
High Middle Ages
Phil 301: Seminar: Philosophical Theology the Middle Ages

At the University of Toronto

Introductory Greek (Centre for Medieval Studies)
The Apology of Xenophon and Plato (Upper level Greek) (Centre for Medieval Studies)
M.A. Latin Tutorial (Centre for Medieval Studies)

Undergraduate Courses Taught

Phil 1001: Philosophy of Human Nature
Phil 1001/50H: Philosophy of Human Nature: Honors
Phil 102: Metaphysics
Phil 104: Theory of Ethics
Phil 112: Ancient Philosophy
Phil 113: Early Medieval Philosophy
Phil 3620: Medieval Philosophy
Phil 114: Modern Philosophy
Phil 119: Late Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy
Phil 185: Contemporary Anglo-American Philosophy
Phil 3410: Metaphysics
Phil 3460: Philosophy of Language
Phil 3665: Existentialism
Phil 4931: Faith and Reason in the Three Abrahamic Traditions
Phil 4935: Islamic Philosophy (seminar)
Phil 4995: Independent Study
Phil 195: Independent Study Course: Medieval Philosophy from Augustine to Aquinas
ARSC 130: Misogyny: Medieval View of Women? (team taught)

At the University of Toronto

Ancient Philosophy Tutorial (Department of Philosophy)

COMMITTEES AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE, ETC.

University Service

Middle East and North African Studies Faculty Advisory Committee, 2011-

Founder & Organizer, International Metaphysics Teleseminar for Philosophers and Theologians,
2015-19.

Collaborated on new interdisciplinary major and minor in Global Middle East and North Africa
(MENA) Studies, 2019.

Participant in "Building Bridges to Learning," 1995.

Faculty Friend of Schroeder Hall, 1993-1994.

Member, M.A. Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2009, 2012, 2016-2019.

Co-organized “Principles, Cosmology, and First Philosophy: Aristotle and the Aristotelian Tradition,” the 13th Annual Marquette Summer Seminar on Aristotle and the Aristotelian Tradition, Marquette University, 2018.

Co-supervised the research at Marquette of a visiting professor on a research grant from the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Ts

Hiring Committee, 2001, 2005.

Co-organizer, Third Annual Midwest Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Marquette University, 2005.

First Year Graduate Advisor, 2002-2004.

Mentor for the teaching of four graduate students, 2002-2004.

Greek Language Committee, 1991-1992, 1998-1999, 2003.

Faculty Advisor, Philosophy Honor Society: Phi Sigma Tau, 1995, 2002-2003.

Chair, Classical Languages Committee, 1998-1999, 2000-2001, 2003-2004, 2006-2007, 2010-2011, 2013-2014, 2016-2017, 2019-2020.

“Aquinas on Natural Law,”

Book Evaluator for Notre Dame Press, 2008.

Collaborator on Corpus thomisticum web-based data base on Aquinas, 2008.

External Evaluator for Canadian university promotion case, 2007.

Article Evaluator for Journal of the History of Philosophy 2006.

External Evaluator for North American university tenure case, 2006.

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