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EDUCATION

- 2009 Ph.D., Classics
Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia
'Towards a Restoration of Plato's Doctrine of Mediation: Platonizing Augustine's Criticism of 'the Platonists''
- 2004 Aestiva Romae Latinitatis,
Rome, Italy
Intensive immersion course focused on sight-reading, composition, and conversational Latin taught by Fr. Reginald Foster, then translator for the Latin Letters department of the Vatican
- 2001 M.A., Philosophy
Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador
- 1999 B.A. (Joint Honours), Philosophy and Religious Studies
Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2015-Present Associate Professor (Tenured, 2015)
Department of Philosophy, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- 2009-2015 Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)
Department of Philosophy, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- 2006-2011 Teacher of Theology, Philosophy, Church History, and World Religions
St. Bonaventure's College, St. John's, Newfoundland
- 2008 Visiting Assistant Professor
Department of Classics, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Department of Philosophy, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- 2003-2004 Visiting Assistant Professor
Department of Classics, Dalhousie University

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Volumes

1. 2018 Brisson, Luc, Seamus O’Neill, and Andrei Timotin, eds. *Neoplatonic Demons and Angels*. Studies in Platonism, Neoplatonism, and the Platonic Tradition. Leiden: Brill, 2018.

Refereed Journal Articles

9. 2018 “Why the *Imago Dei* is in the Intellect Alone: A Criticism of a Phenomenology of Sensible Experience for Attaining an Image of God.” *The Saint Anselm Journal* 13. no 2 (Spring 2018): 19-41.
8. 2017 “Privation, parasite, et perversion de la volonté: Une étude ontologique et psychologique de la doctrine augustinienne du mal.” *Laval théologique et philosophique* 73. no. 1 (février 2017): 31-52.
7. 2016 “Augustine and Aquinas on Demonic Possession: Theoria and Praxis.” *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 90 (2016): 133-147.
6. 2016 “‘*aequales angelis sunt*’: Angelology, Demonology, and the Resurrection of the Body in Augustine and Anselm.” *The Saint Anselm Journal* 12. no. 1 (Fall 2016): 1-18.
5. 2014 “Augustine and Boethius, Memory and Eternity.” *Analecta Hermeneutica* 6 (2014): 1-20.
4. 2014 “‘How does the body depart?’: A Neoplatonic Reading of Dante’s Suicides.” *Dante Studies* 132 (2014): 175-200.
3. 2012 “In Defense of Hierarchy: A Response to Levi Bryant’s ‘A Logic of Multiplicities: Deleuze, Immanence, and Onticology.’” *Analecta Hermeneutica* 4 (2012): 1-36.
2. 2011 “Porphyry the Apostate: Assessing Porphyry’s Reaction to Plotinus’s Doctrine of the One.” *The Heythrop Journal* 52 (2011): 1-10.
1. 2011 “‘You have been in Afghanistan, I perceive’: Demonic Agency in Augustine.” *Dionysius* 29 (2011): 9-27.

Book Chapters

4. 2018 “Evil Demons in the *De Mysteriis*: Assessing the Iamblichean Critique of Porphyry’s Demonology.” In *Neoplatonic Demons and Angels*, Studies in Platonism, Neoplatonism, and the Platonic Tradition, edited by Luc Brisson, Seamus O’Neill, and Andrei Timotin, 160-189. Leiden: Brill, 2018.
3. 2018 “A Double-Edged Sword: Porphyry on the Perils and Profits of Demonological Inquiry.” In *Platonic Pathways: Selected Papers from the Fourteenth Annual Conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies*, edited by John F. Finamore and Danielle A. Layne, 93-123. Gloucestershire, UK: The Prometheus Trust, 2018.

2. 2017 “The Demonic Body: Demonic Ontology and the Domicile of the Demons in Apuleius and Augustine.” In *Philosophical Approaches to Demonology*, edited by Benjamin McCraw and Robert Arp, 39-58. New York and London: Routledge, 2017.
1. 2016 “The Church Fathers: Augustine.” In *The Finest Room in the Colony: The Library of John Thomas Mullock*, edited by Ágnes Juhász-Ormsby and Nancy Earle, 66-67. St. John’s: Memorial University Libraries, 2016.

Book Reviews

6. 2016 “*Well-Being: Happiness in a Worthwhile Life* (review).” *Philosophy in Review* 36.2 (2016): 47-49.
5. 2014 “*Free to Say No? Free Will and Augustine’s Evolving Doctrines of Grace and Election* (review).” *Analecta Hermeneutica* 6 (2014): 1-7.
4. 2013 “*Plato: Ancient Philosophies, 8* (review).” *Mouseion* 11.1 (2011): 122-126.
3. 2013 “*The Metaphysics of the Incarnation* (review).” *Philosophy in Review* 33.1 (2013): 49-53.
2. 2011 “*Philosophy in the Middle Ages: the Christian, Islamic, and Jewish Traditions. 3rd ed* (review).” *Teaching Philosophy* 34.4 (2011): 439-44.
1. 2009 “*Cynics: Ancient Philosophies, 3* (review).” *Mouseion* 9.3 (2009): 376-79.

Non-Refereed Journal Articles

1. 2003 “Causality in the *Elements of Theology* of Proclus.” *Pseudo-Dionysius* 5 (2003): 64-78.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

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| 2012 | Memorial University Student Union Excellence in Teaching Award |
| 2008 | The Dean’s Award for Teaching Excellence (Non-Tenure Track Instructor) Memorial University of Newfoundland |

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2014-2017 | SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada) Insight Development Grant (\$49,626 - total for 3 years) ‘Reconstructing the Demonology of St. Augustine’ |
| 2013 | Memorial University Vice-President (Research) / Faculty of Arts Research Aid (\$5,000) Awarded for achieving ‘4A’ status on SSHRC Insight Development Grant |
| 2009 | Dean of Arts Startup Grant (\$10,000) |

INVITED TALKS

4. 2017 “Augustine on *curiositas*: what Superstition and Natural Science Share in Common,” at the ‘Wisdom Belongs to God’ Conference, 19-21 June, 2017, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. 19 June, 2017.
3. 2017 “Why the *Imago Dei* is in the Intellect Alone: a Criticism of a Phenomenology of Sensible Experience for Attaining an Image of God,” at the annual Metaphysics Colloquium, 7-8 June, St. Anselm College, New Hampshire. 7 June, 2017.
2. 2017 “How Demonic Possession Works: Augustine and Aquinas on Demonic Nature and Agency,” at St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick. Jointly hosted by STU’s Philosophy, Catholic Studies, and Great Ideas Departments. 20 January, 2017.
1. 2015 “Heaven Past and Yet to Come: Anselm and Augustine on Demonic and Human Redemption,” at the Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, 8-11 October, 2015 in a satellite session sponsored by the Institute for Saint Anselm Studies, Boston, Massachusetts. 9 October, 2015.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers Presented (Peer-Reviewed)

20. 2018 “‘*omnes dii gentium daemonia*’: Demonological Syncretism, Exorcism, and Early Christian Polemic,” at The American Catholic Philosophical Association (ACPA Sponsored Satellite Session), 8-11 November, 2018, San Diego, California. 9 November, 2018.
19. 2017 “Aquinas’ Philosophical Arguments for the Existence of Angels and Demons and their Continuing Relevance in Our Modern World,” at The American Catholic Philosophical Association (ACPA Sponsored Satellite Session), 16-19 November, 2017, Dallas, Texas. 17 November, 2017.
18. 2017 “Apuleius of Madaura and the Hellenic Foundations of Christian Demonology,” at the annual conference of the Classical Association of Canada, 9-11 May, 2017, Memorial University, Newfoundland. 9 May, 2017.
17. 2016 “Augustine and Aquinas on Demonic Possession: *Theoria* and *Praxis*,” at the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association (Main Program). 3-6 November, 2016, San Francisco, California, 4 November, 2016.
16. 2016 “A Double-Edged Sword: Porphyry on the Dangers of Demonology,” at the annual meeting of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, 15-18 June, 2016, Seattle University, Seattle, Washington. 16 June, 2016.
15. 2016 “The Neoplatonic Influences on the Demonology of St. Thomas Aquinas,” at the Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), 6-9 January, 2016 in a satellite session sponsored by the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, Washington D.C. 8 January, 2016.
14. 2015 “Augustine and Aquinas on Sorcery and Demonic Possession: How Demons Lost Their Bodies in Christian Demonology,” at the Annual Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies Conference (PMR) at Villanova University, 16-18 October, 2015, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 16 October, 2015.
13. 2015 “Aerial Bodes and Intelligible Substances: Demonic Materialism in Christian and Neoplatonic Demonology,” at the annual meeting of the International Society for

- Neoplatonic Studies, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina. 13 June, 2015.
12. 2015 “An Ontological Shift in Christian Demonology,” at the annual meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada. 3 June, 2015.
 11. 2014 “Dante’s Satan: an Augustinian Dialectic of Evil,” at the Annual Meeting of the Atlantic Region Philosophers’ Association, 24-15 October, 2014, at the Memorial University of Newfoundland. 24 October, 2014.
 10. 2014 “The Demonic Body and the Iamblichean Critique of Porphyrian Demonology,” at the 12th Annual Conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, 16-21 June, 2014, at the University of Lisbon, Portugal. 19 June, 2014.
 9. 2014 “The Binding of the Devil: Accomplished Fact or Future Victory?,” at the Annual Meeting of the Societas Daemonetica, at the International Congress on Medieval Studies, 8-11 May, 2014, at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan. 11 May, 2014.
 8. 2013 “Christ, the Devil, and the Two Hells: Augustinian Christology and Soteriology,” at the Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, 1-3 November, 2013 in a satellite session entitled “Philosophical Christology” sponsored by the Institut International D’Herméneutique, hosted by Marian University and Indiana University- Purdue University, Indianapolis, Indiana. 2 November, 2013.
 7. 2013 “Augustine’s Ontological Naturalism and the Material Divisions of the Cosmos,” at the Annual Meeting of the Atlantic Region Philosophers’ Association, 4-5 October, 2013, at Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia. 5 October, 2013.
 6. 2012 “Augustine and Boethius, Time and Providence,” at the Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, 2-4 November, 2012 in a satellite session entitled “St. Augustine’s Civitas Terrena et Civitas Dei” sponsored by the Institute International D’Herméneutique, hosted by Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California. 3 November, 2012.
 5. 2012 “Reconstructing Platonic Demonologies: A Case Study in Augustine,” at Religion in Pieces, An Interdisciplinary Conference Sponsored by the Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions and Brown University’s Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, 27-29 April, 2012 at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. 29 April, 2012.
 4. 2012 “The Miraculous and the Mundane: Augustine on Miracles and Agency (Divine, Angelic, Demonic, and Human),” at the Second Annual HBU Philosophy Conference: Divine and Human Action: Agency and Action in Philosophy and Theology, 30-31 March, 2012 at Houston Baptist University, Houston, Texas. 30 March, 2012.
 3. 2011 “‘How does the body depart?’: A Platonic Reading of Dante’s Suicides,” at a satellite session of the International Congress on Medieval Studies hosted by the Dante Society of America, 12-15 May, 2011 at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan. 14 May, 2011.
 2. 2011 “Demonic Agency in Augustine,” at the Classical Association of Canada Annual Meeting, 10-12 May, 2011 at the Department of Classics, Dalhousie University. 10 May, 2011.

1. 2007 “Plotinian Transcendence and the Via Negativa,” at the Atlantic Classical Association Annual Meeting, 26-27 October, 2007 at the Department of Classics, Dalhousie University.

Panels Organised

9. 2018 Co-organiser, two panels entitled “Augustine and Public Life,” at the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, San Diego, California. 8-11 November, 2018.
8. 2018 Co-organiser, panel entitled “Prayer and Beauty,” at the annual Patristics, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference (PMR), Villanova University, Pennsylvania. 5-7 October, 2018.
7. 2017 Co-organiser, panel co-sponsored by The Memorial University of Newfoundland and Villanova University, entitled “Augustine and (Post-) Modern Thought,” at the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, Dallas, Texas. 16-19 November, 2017.
6. 2017 Co-organiser, panel entitled “Theurgy and Liturgy: Iamblichus and Augustine,” at the annual Patristics, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference (PMR), Villanova University, Pennsylvania. 13-15 October, 2017.
5. 2016 Co-organiser, panel entitled “The Philosophy of St. Augustine,” at the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, San Francisco, California. 3-6 November, 2016.
4. 2016 Organiser, panel entitled “Neoplatonic Demonology,” at the annual meeting of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, Seattle University, Washington. 15-18 June, 2016.
3. 2015 Organiser, panel entitled “Neoplatonic Demonologies: Pagan and Christian in Conversation / Demonologías neoplatónicas: paganas y cristianas en conversación,” at the annual meeting of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina. 13 June, 2015.
2. 2014 Co-organiser for the 2014 meeting of ARPA (The Atlantic Region Philosophers’ Association) at Memorial University.
1. 2013 Co-organiser, satellite session of the Institut International D’Herméneutique entitled, “Philosophical Christology” at the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, Marian University and Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Indiana. 2 November, 2013.

Papers Presented (Non-Peer Reviewed)

32. 2018 “Beauty as a Transcendental in Thomistic Thought: Why it Matters,” at the Patristics, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference (PMR), 5-7 October, 2018, Villanova University, Pennsylvania. 5 October, 2018.
31. 2018 “Demonological Syncretism in St. Augustine, Tertullian, and Christian Polemic,” at the Classics & Religious Studies Symposium, ‘Christianity and the Roman Empire,’ Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 1 March, 2018.
30. 2017 “The Parasite Theory of Evil: a Neoplatonic Gift to Christian Demonology,” at the Annual Fall Colloquium, Department of Philosophy, Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 23 November, 2017.

29. 2017 “Augustine and Iamblichus on Evil Demons and Theurgy: Contacts and Conflicts,” at the Patristics, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference (PMR), 13-15 October, 2017, Villanova University, Pennsylvania. 14 October, 2017.
28. 2016 “The Heresy of Angelism and the Idea of God,” at the ‘Idea of God’ Conference, 23-25 November, 2016, Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 24 November, 2016.
27. 2016 “Why the ‘Parasite Theory’ is Essential to Augustine’s Doctrine of Evil,” at the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, 3-6 November, 2016 in a satellite session entitled, “The Philosophy of St. Augustine,” San Francisco, California. 4 November, 2016.
26. 2016 “Augustine and the Problem of Evil,” presented to graduate students and faculty at the Department of Philosophy, Penn State University, State College, Pennsylvania. 26 October, 2016.
25. 2016 “An Education in Demonology: studiositas or curiositas?,” at the Memorial European Summer School in Philosophy (MESSP), 23-27 May, Krakow, Poland. 25 May, 2016.
24. 2016 “Curiositas and Occult Knowledge,” at Text and Context Symposium, 21-22 April, 2016, at the Department of Religious Studies, Memorial University, St. John’s Newfoundland. 21 April 2016.
23. 2016 “Creative Diffusion in Thomas Aquinas’ *Treatise on the Angels*,” at Nature and Ethical Thought: Reflections on *Laudato Si’*, a conference jointly organized by Dominican University College and The Memorial University of Newfoundland, 7-8 March, 2016, Ottawa, Ontario. 8 March, 2016.
22. 2016 “Images of the Grotesque in Dante’s *Inferno* and *Purgatorio*,” presented to graduate students at Memorial University, M. Phil Humanities program, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 10 February, 2016.
21. 2016 “The Metaphysics of Demonic Possession: a Medieval Controversy,” at the Medieval and Early Modern Research Group Colloquium 2015-2016, Memorial University, St. John’s Newfoundland. 29 January, 2016.
20. 2015 “‘*aequales angelis sunt*’: Demonology, Angelology, and the Resurrection of the Body in Augustine and Anselm,” at the Department of Philosophy Fall Research Colloquium, Memorial University, St. John’s Newfoundland. 26 November, 2016.
19. 2015 “A Response to Chelsea Harry’s ‘On Intuiting Simplicity: ἀπλᾶ in Aristotle and Schelling’,” at the Annual Meeting of the North American Schelling Society, Memorial University, 17-19 September, 2015, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 17 September, 2015.
18. 2015 “Joël Madore’s ‘Disenchanted Faith: A Kantian response to Marcel Gauchet’: A Thomistic Reply,” at the 2nd Annual Kant Conference at Memorial University: Why Faith?, 21-22 May, 2015, Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 22 May, 2015.
17. 2015 “The Spatio-Material Principle in the Demonology of Apuleius,” at Text and Context Symposium, 13-14 April, 2015, at the Department of Religious Studies, Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 13 April, 2015.
16. 2014 “Where is the Devil?” at Text and Context Symposium, 10-11 April, 2014, at the Department of Religious Studies, Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 10 April, 2014.

15. 2014 “Righteous Anger: the Sublimation of Violence in Dante’s *Divine Comedy*,” Sublimating Violence? When Philosophy Meets Literature, an Arts on Violence Event, Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 3 April, 2014.
14. 2014 “Dante on the Twofold End of the Human: Earthly and Heavenly Utopias,” presented to graduate students at Memorial University, M. Phil Humanities program, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 23 January, 2014.
13. 2013 “Augustine’s Demonology: Texts and Contexts,” at Text and Context Symposium, 11-12 April, 2013, at the Department of Religious Studies, Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 12 April, 2013.
12. 2013 “Augustine’s *Confessions* and Dante’s *Divine Comedy* – Autobiography and Human Nature” presented to graduate students at Memorial University, M. Phil Humanities program, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 31 January, 2013.
11. 2012 “Augustine’s Heavenly City and Christian Politics,” presented to graduate students at Memorial University, M. Phil Humanities program, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 21 March, 2012.
10. 2012 “*Eritis Sicut Dii*: Theosis, Pride, and the Dialectic of the Devil in Platonic and Christian Thought,” at the annual departmental colloquium, Department of Philosophy, Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 28 February, 2012.
9. 2011 “Philosophy as the ‘Practice of Death’ or a ‘Way of Life’? Body and Soul in Ancient Greek and Christian Thought,” at the annual departmental colloquium, Department of Philosophy, Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 18 January, 2011.
8. 2010 “Ancient Innatist and Associationist Theories of Language Acquisition: Pre-Socratics, Plato, Stoics, Epicureans, and Augustine,” presented to graduate students at Memorial University, M. Phil Humanities program, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 5 October, 2010.
7. 2010 “The Power of the Image: A Defense of Plato’s Imagination,” at the annual departmental colloquium, Department of Philosophy, Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 2 February, 2010.
6. 2007 “Augustine’s *Confessions* as Autobiography: Reflecting the Theology of the Incarnation,” presented to graduate students at Memorial University, M. Phil Humanities program, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 17 January, 2007.
5. 2006 “John Stuart Mill’s Conception of ‘The Good Life’,” presented to graduate students at Memorial University of Newfoundland, M. Phil Humanities program. 24 May, 2006.
4. 2006 “Porphyry’s Nous Mysticism and Augustine’s *Confessions*,” at the annual departmental colloquium, Department of Philosophy, Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland. 4 April, 2006.
3. 2005 “Free Will and Theodicy: A Reading of Genesis 1-2,” at St. Bonaventure’s College, St. John’s, Newfoundland. December, 2005.
2. 2004 “The Plotinian Character of Augustine’s ‘Visions’: An Examination of *Confessions* 7.10 and 9.10,” at the Department of Classics, Dalhousie University. 5 February, 2004.
1. 2004 “Augustinian Theodicy: how can we believe in a benevolent God if evil is allowed into the world He created?,” at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Halifax. 15 March, 2004.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate, Department of Philosophy, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Philosophy of Human Nature (2005, 2006, 2010)
Critical Reading and Writing in Philosophy of Human Nature (2015)
Introduction to Philosophy (Annually since 2006)
History of Ancient Philosophy (2012, 2014, 2015, 2017)
Contemporary Ethical Issues (2005, 2008)
Philosophy of Religion (2013)
Plato (2009, 2010, 2011)
Aristotle (2010, 2012, 2014, 2015)
Medieval Philosophy (2011, 2012, 2016)
Departmental Colloquium (2013, 2014)
Seminar on Neoplatonic Philosophy (2010)
Seminar on Plato's *Republic* (2011)
Seminar on Aristotle's *Metaphysics* (2012)
Seminar on Dante's *Divine Comedy* (2016)
Seminar on the *De Deo* of St. Thomas Aquinas (2017)
Contributions to the Comprehensive Exam Course (annually, since 2008)

Undergraduate, Department of Classics, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Elementary Latin I (2007, 2008)
Elementary Latin II (2008)
Heroes in Classical Mythology (2009)
Classical Drama in Greece and Rome (2009)

Undergraduate, Department of Classics, Dalhousie University

First Year Latin (2003, 2004)

Graduate, Department of Philosophy, Memorial University

Graduate Seminar – Research Methods and Professionalisation (2018)
Seminar on the *De Deo* of St. Thomas Aquinas (2017)
Seminar on Dante's *Divine Comedy* (2016)
PhD Reading Course on St. Anselm (2016)
MA Reading Course on Plotinus (2016)
MPhil Reading course on Neoplatonic Philosophy (2015)
MA Reading Course on Stoic Ethics and Physics (2015)
Departmental Colloquium (2013, 2014)
MA Reading Course on Plato's *Symposium* (2013)
MA Reading Course on Ancient and Hellenistic Skepticism (2013)
Seminar on Aristotle's *Metaphysics* (2012)
Seminar on Boethius's *Consolation of Philosophy* (2011)
MA Reading Course on Plato's Aesthetics and Ontology (2011)
Seminar on Neoplatonic Philosophy (2010)

MA Reading Course on Plato's Epistemology and Dialectical Method (2010)

OTHER TEACHING

Lecturer (Per-Course Instructor), Memorial University

Department of Philosophy (2005-2008)

Department of Classics (2003-2004)

First-Year Success Program, Memorial University

University 2020: Contributor (2014-2016)

St. Bonaventure's College, St. John's, Newfoundland

History of Christian Philosophy and Theology (2006-2011)

World Religions (2007, 2008)

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

Theses Supervised

6. 2017 M.A., Philosophy, Keely Whitelaw
'The Third Kind: an Analysis of the Receptacle in Plato's *Timaeus*'
5. 2015 M.A., Philosophy, Nadja Sossalla
'Idleness and Passion: Hamlet's tragic character in the light of Stoicism and Medieval Christian Philosophy'
4. 2014 M.A., Philosophy, Camilla Vasquez
'Plato's Philosopher-Lovers and the Ladder to the Forms: the roles of eros and beauty in Platonic epistemology'
3. 2014 M.A., Philosophy, Craig Dupuis
'The Influence of Pyrrho of Elis and the Pyrrhonian Praxis of Aporetic Language'
2. 2012 M.A., Philosophy, Brad Dunne
'Ancient Quarrel or Sibling Rivalry? Reconciling Philosophy and Poetry in Plato'
1. 2011 M.A., Philosophy, Robert Seabright
'Recollection and Dialectical Learning: The Problem of the One and the Many in Plato's *Meno*'

Current Graduate Supervisions

Ph.D.

2. 2017 Elizabeth Hill, PhD in Philosophy

1. 2015 Gil Shalev, PhD in Philosophy

M.A.

1. 2016 Benedikt Rottenecker

Non-Thesis Graduate Supervisions

4. 2015-2016 Mark Breffo, Master of Philosophy in Humanities Program
3. 2014-2015 Laura Moncion, Master of Philosophy in Humanities Program
2. 2012-2013 Ed Veilleux, Master of Philosophy in Humanities Program
1. 2010-2012 Lori Lee Oats, Master of Philosophy in Humanities Program

Graduate Mentoring

2012 Teaching Mentor in the Graduate Program in Teaching, Memorial University

Ph.D. Supervisory Committees

2. 2018-Present Supervisory Committee member for Patrick Renaud
1. 2015-Present Supervisory Committee member for Michelle Wilkins

Theses Examined

6. 2018 Thomas Miguy, M.A., Philosophy
 “Variations of Immanence: Spinoza, Deleuze and a Metaphysics of Influence”
5. 2014 Sarah Kizuk, M.A., Philosophy
 ‘Individuation and Individuality: A Reading of Spinoza’s Physical Interlude’
4. 2013 Daniel Adsett, M.A., Philosophy
 ‘Equivocal Transcendence: Situating Heidegger’s Ontology within a Medieval Schema’
3. 2011 Justin Osmond, M.A., Philosophy
 ‘Music and Ethics: Pythagoras, Schopenhauer and Iris Murdoch’
2. 2011 Fergus Brown-O’Byrne, M.A., Philosophy
 ‘Ideology and Low-Intensity Democracy’
1. 2010 Craig Morisson, M.A., Philosophy
 ‘Virtue & Freedom: An Exploration of Autonomous Human Agency in Aristotle’

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Review Work

- 2018 Reviewer for *Vigiliae Christianae*
- 2017 Panel Reviewer for the annual meeting of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, Olomouc, the Czech Republic, 14-17 June, 2017
- 2017 Reviewer for *Newfoundland and Labrador Studies*
- 2017 Reviewer for *The Saint Anselm Journal*
- 2014 Reviewer for *Mouseion*
- 2014 Reviewer for *Broadview Press*
- 2014 Reviewer for the Canadian Philosophical Association

- 2014 Reviewer for *Ithaque: Revue de philosophie de l'Université de Montréal*
2013 Reviewer for the Canadian Philosophical Association
2011 Reviewer for the Canadian Philosophical Association
2010 Reviewer for *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Administrative Positions Held

- 2018-Present Graduate Officer, Department of Philosophy
2012-Present Departmental Library Representative, Department of Philosophy
2010-2017 Undergraduate Liaison, Department of Philosophy
2016-2017 Undergraduate Advisor, Medieval Studies Program
Dec. 2017 Acting Head, Department of Philosophy
April 2016 Acting Head, Department of Philosophy
Feb. 2016 Acting Head, Department of Philosophy
2012-2016 Medieval Studies Program Coordinator
Winter 2011 Medieval Studies Program Coordinator (Interim)

Departmental-Level Committees

2018-2019

- Search Committee, Department of Philosophy (Chair)
Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Philosophy (Chair)

2017-2018

- Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Philosophy
Departmental SSHRC Committee, Department of Philosophy
Medieval Studies Committee (Chair)
Policy Committee, Department of Philosophy
James Good Scholarship in Philosophy Committee

2016-2017

- Search Committee, Department of Philosophy
Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Philosophy
Curriculum Committee, Department of Philosophy
Departmental SSHRC Committee, Department of Philosophy
Medieval Studies Committee (Chair)
Policy Committee, Department of Philosophy
Visiting Speakers Committee, Department of Philosophy
James Good Scholarship in Philosophy Committee

2015-2016

- Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Philosophy (Chair)
Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Classics
Headship Search Committee, Department of Philosophy
Departmental SSHRC Committee, Department of Philosophy

Medieval Studies Committee (Chair)
Policy Committee, Department of Philosophy
Visiting Speakers Committee, Department of Philosophy
James Good Scholarship in Philosophy Committee

2014-2015

Search Committee, Department of Philosophy
Departmental SSHRC Committee, Department of Philosophy
Medieval Studies Committee (Chair)
Visiting Speakers Committee, Department of Philosophy
James Good Scholarship in Philosophy Committee

2013-2014

Search Committee, Department of Philosophy
Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Philosophy
Appointments Committee, Department of Philosophy
Headship Search Committee, Department of Philosophy
Departmental SSHRC Committee, Department of Philosophy
Medieval Studies Committee (Chair)
ARPA (Atlantic Region Philosophers' Association) Planning Committee
James Good Scholarship in Philosophy Committee

2012-2013

Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Philosophy
Appointments Committee, Department of Philosophy
Headship Search Committee, Department of Philosophy
Departmental SSHRC Committee, Department of Philosophy
Medieval Studies Committee (Chair)
Ph.D. Planning Committee
James Good Scholarship in Philosophy Committee
Philosophy and Poetry Prize Committee

2011-2012

Search Committee, Department of Philosophy
Appointments Committee, Department of Philosophy
Headship Search Committee, Department of Philosophy
Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Religious Studies
Medieval Studies Committee
Ph.D. Planning Committee
James Good Scholarship in Philosophy Committee
Philosophy and Poetry Prize Committee

2010-2011

Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Philosophy
Headship Search Committee, Department of Philosophy
Appointments Committee, Department of Philosophy
Medieval Studies Committee
Ph.D. Planning Committee

James Good Scholarship in Philosophy Committee

2009-2010

Medieval Studies Committee
Ph.D. Planning Committee

Faculty-Level Committees

2015-2016

Academic Planning Committee
Hiring Committee, First-Year Success Program
Consultative Committee for the Diploma in Ancient Worlds

2014-2015

Academic Planning Committee
Ad Hoc Consultative Committee on BA Core Requirements
CRW (Critical Reading and Writing) Requirements Committee

2013-2014

Ad Hoc Language Study Requirement Committee

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

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| 2018 | Completed writing and revising the <i>Graduate Handbook for Philosophy Students</i> |
| 2018 | Started a weekly graduate student writing group |
| 2015-2017 | Re-wrote the Philosophy Undergraduate Curriculum |
| 2017 | Organiser for the “Bradley Lecture in Speculative Philosophy.” Prof. Douglas Hedley, “The Cambridge Platonists and the Idealistic Vision of Nature,” 13 November, 2017. |
| 2013-2015 | Co-organised a visiting speaker series for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 academic years |
| 2014 | Appeared and answered questions in a video produced by DELTS at Memorial University to promote the cross-campus student online Course Evaluation Questionnaire |
| 2013-2014 | Conducted a program review of the Interdisciplinary Major and Minor in Medieval Studies |
| 2013 | Took part in a day-long faculty and administration workshop focusing on the general regulations for the Bachelor of Arts degree, June 17, 2013 |
| 2013 | Sat on a panel for discussion of general regulations for the Bachelor of Arts degree at a faculty and administration workshop, June 17, 2013 |
| 2012-2013 | Co-organised a visiting speaker series on Speculative Metaphysics, ‘The James Bradley Memorial Lectures in Speculative Metaphysics,’ which ran from Fall 2012 to Winter 2013 |
| 2011-2012 | Co-wrote and developed a proposal for a new PhD program in the Department of Philosophy |
| 2011 | Panel member for undergraduate student orientation, Memorial University |

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 2014 Lecture on Platonic Philosophy delivered to high school English students at St. Bonaventure's College. 8 October, 2014.
- 2012 Organiser and Moderator for a public panel on Jesuit Identity, St. Bonaventure's College. 22 March, 2012.
- 2011 Consulted on survey data on the Newfoundland and Labrador provincial election for the Religious Social Action Committee.
- 2006-2011 Teacher of Theology, Philosophy, Church History, and World Religions at St. Bonaventure's College
- 2006-2011 Kairos Retreat Director, St. Bonaventure's College

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Junior Associate Fellow of The International Institute for Hermeneutics
The International Society for Neoplatonic Studies
American Catholic Philosophical Association
The Dante Society of America
The American Philosophical Association
The Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers
The Canadian Philosophical Association