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EDUCATION

Doctorate, Philosophy 2007

Pontifical University of the Holy Cross - Rome, Italy
Metaphysical Presuppositions of Being in the World: A Confrontation between Aquinas and Heidegger

Licentiate, Philosophy 2006

Pontifical University of the Holy Cross - Rome, Italy
Thesis: *Heidegger, St. Thomas, and Intentionality*

BA, Philosophy 2002

St. Francis College - Brooklyn Heights, New York
GPA - 92 (cum Laude)
Honors Thesis: *Heidegger, Metaphysics, and the Poet*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Lecturer, Graduate Seminar (Fall 2023)

Pontifical University of the Holy Cross-Rome, Italy

Professor of Philosophy

University of Holy Cross, New Orleans
August 2021-Present

Associate Professor of Philosophy

University of Holy Cross, New Orleans
August 2016-2021

Visiting Lecturer Notre Dame Seminary

Fall 2017

Academic Dean & Tutor in Philosophy & Theology

Newman College Ireland

August 2014-Summer 2016

Chair, Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Pontifical College Josephinum

July 2011-2013

Visiting Assistant Professor

St. Mary's University, San Antonio TX

Fall 2008-May 2011

Adjunct Professor

St. Mary's University, San Antonio TX

Spring 2008-Summer 2008

- **BOOKS:**

Untitled Volume of Thomism

Cambridge University Press (2024)

The Jackdaw
(Novel in progress)

Monotheism and Paradise
Cambridge University Press (2023)

All This and Heaven Too: A Layman's Guide
Wipf & Stock (2023)

As It Is in Heaven: Some Christian Questions on the Nature of Paradise
Forthcoming 2021 Wipf & Stock

Tregenna Hill: Altars & Allegories
Collection of poems 2021 Wipf & Stock

Subordinated Ethics: Natural Law and Moral Miscellany in Aquinas And Dostoyevsky
August 2020 Wipf & Stock'

Immediacy and Meaning: J.K. Huysmans and the Immemorial Origin of Metaphysics
February 2017
Bloomsbury Publishing

The Political Dialogue of Nature & Grace: Towards A Phenomenology of Chaste Anarchism
September 2015
Bloomsbury Publishing

The Philosophical Question of Christ
January 2014
Bloomsbury Publishing
Pope Benedict XVI referred to it as "an important work".

Metaphysical Presuppositions of Being-in-the-World: A Confrontation between Martin Heidegger and St. Thomas Aquinas
February 2010
Continuum Publishing

- ***Anthology Contributions***

"William Desmond and the Death of Death Metaphysics and the Heideggerian Predicament *After Being*" for *A Heart of Flesh: William Desmond and the Bible*. Wipf & Stock, 2022.

"The Haunting Apologetic of Jean Louis Chrétien: *Woundedness, Hope, and the Resurrected Body*" for *Finitude's Wounded Praise: Responses to Jean-Louis Chrétien*. Wipf & Stock, 2022

"The Heart's Spectacular Silence: Convergences in Time and Memory in Paul Ricoeur and Cyril O'Regan" in *The Irenaeon Spirit and the Exorcising of Philosophical Modernity: Cyril O'Regan and Christian Discourse After Modernity* Wipf & Stock Veritas 2020

"Friendship Finitude and Christ, Reflections on Nicomachean Ethics Bk. VIII" Article in the anthology *Riflessioni Sull'Amicizia* EDUSC, Roma (2007)

- **ARTICLES**

“Heaven and the Transcendental Meaning of Death” *Church Life Journal* <https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/heaven-and-the-transcendental-meaning-of-death/>
December 2022

Special Editor, *Religions Journal*, “Spousal Love: Essays in Integral Fidelity”
Spring 2023

Abortion and the Language Game of Choice Part II
Fall 2019
Human Life Review

Abortion and the Language Game of Choice Part I
Spring 2020
Human Life Review

The Metaphysics of Mystery: *A Thomistic Appreciation of Shestov’s Critique of Metaphysics*
Spring 2014
Lateranum

The Grand Refusal: Abortion’s Pogrom Against Contingency
Summer 2013
Human Life Review

New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2012-13: Ethics and Philosophy
Updated two entries: “Limit” & “Idea”
Prepared Article synopses for *Thomistica* (2008)

“Husserl and the Crisis of Europe”
Modern Age (Spring 2006) *Anamnesis* (2013)

REVIEWS

Reviewed ***Reimagining the Analogia Entis: The Future of Erich Przywara’s Christian Vision*** by Philip Gonzales for Eerdmans Publishing (2019)

Reviewed **“Solovyov’s Metaphysics between Gnosis and Theurgy”** for *Religions* (2018)

Reviewed **“Articulating Pistis: Pauline Themes in Contemporary European Thought”** for Bloomsbury (2018)

Reviewed **“Poor, Wayfaring Stranger: Erik Peterson’s Apocalyptic and Public Witness Against Christian Embourgeoisement”** for *Religions* (2017)

Reviewed ***Mary, the Beloved*** by Keith Berube for En Route Books (2017)

Reviewed ***Rethinking Faith: Heidegger between Nietzsche and Wittgenstein*** for Bloomsbury Publishing (2015)

LECTURES

Speaker, **“Waking from Cartesian Nightmare:**

Maritain and the Intellectual Nexus of Transgenderism” American Maritain Association (April 2023)

Presenter, **“The Re-Founding of Personhood: David Walsh’s Essential Response to Postmodernity,”** Walsh Conference, Catholic University of America (March 2023)

Speaker, **“Heaven and the Transcendental Meaning of Death,”** Pontificia Università Della Santa Croce, Rome Italy (February 2023)
<https://www.pusc.it/fil/attivita/seminari-facolta>

Retreat Speaker, **On Gender Ideology,** Regnum Christi Louisiana (January 2023)

Plenary Speaker, **“The Future of Christian Thinking,”** Maynooth University (Dublin, Ireland) (Spring 2022)
<https://maynoothcollege.ie/the-future-of-christian-thinking-international-conference-27th--30th-apr-2022>

Guest Speaker, **“The Future of Christian Metaphysics,”** online conference (Spring 2021)
<https://maynoothcollege.ie/news-events/2021/the-future-of-christian-metaphysics>

Presented at the Fonte Aretusa Conference in Syracuse Sicily, **“The Fifth Element: Is it Καλόν?”** (2018)

“Prayer, Suffering & Self-Presence,” key note speaker, Annual Thomas Lecture, St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology (2018).

Presenting at the American Maritain Association: ***Re-Approaching Immediacy: Moving Through and Beyond Maritain’s Intuition of Being*** (2017)

Presented a symposium at the Pontifical Apostolorum in Rome December (2015): ***The Philosophical Question of Christ***

Gave a talk for the *Newman Society: Priests, Poets & Philosophers:* ***Maritain, Mounier & Marcel: Correspondences and Divergences*** (2014)

Presented a lecture at the Pontifical College Josephinum: ***Remarks on Dante & St. Thomas Aquinas*** (2012)

Delivered a talk at the American Maritain Association entitled: ***The Grand Refusal: Abortion and the Annihilation of the Given*** (2009).

Delivered a talk at the Center of Thomistic Studies at the University of St. Thomas: ***The Fourfold Breakdown*** (2009).

Gave a lecture at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross Annual Philosophical Convention in Rome: ***The Shudder of Supernatural Hope*** (2009)

Presented a paper at the American Maritain Association Conference at Boston College: ***The Quiet Despair: Friendship, Finitude and Christ*** (2008)

Presented a paper at the American Maritain Association Conference at

NOTABLE ACTIVITIES

Notre Dame: *The Sense of Tragedy in Christian Philosophy* (2007)

Selected to give a talk at the 2nd International Conference on Philosophy in Athens: *Freedom and Necessity in Schelling: Higher Realism or Higher Dualism?* (2007)

Delivered a talk at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross Annual Philosophical Convention: *Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics and the Question of Friendship* (2005)

Muslim Student Association, University of Holy Cross
Faculty Moderator Spring 2019-Present

Academy of Holy Angels Endowed Professorship 2020-2023

Adams Endowed Professorship 2018-2021

Pro-Life Club, University of Holy Cross
Faculty Moderator Fall 2016-Present

Theology Film-Club, University of Holy Cross
Faculty Co-Moderator Fall 2016-Present

Priests, Poets and Philosophers

Formed a Lecture series with alternative credit on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition 2011-2013

The Kleinz Society
Pontifical College Josephinum
2011-2013

Center for Professional Ethics
Founding Member
St. Mary's University 2010-2011

Intercollegiate Studies Institute
Organized Fully-Funded Campus Lectures
St. Mary's University 2010-2011

Academic Advisor to Seminarians
St. Mary' University
2008-2011

LANGUAGES

Speaking Italian, reading in Spanish and Latin

AFFILIATIONS

AAUP
2020-Present

Federalist Society
2019-Present

ACPA
2016-Present

Center for Theology and Philosophy UK
2013-present

American Maritain Association
2007-present

REFERENCES

Dr. Cyril O'Regan

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University of Notre Dame
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