

Thomas M. Ward
curriculum vitae

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Employment

Associate Professor, Baylor University, (effective 8/1/2020)
Assistant Professor, Baylor University, 2017-2020
Assistant Professor, Loyola Marymount University, 2012-2017
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of California, Los Angeles, 2013
Visiting Assistant Professor, Azusa Pacific University, 2011-2012

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, 2011

Dissertation: The Hylomorphism of John Duns Scotus
Supervisor: Calvin Normore; Committee: Marilyn McCord Adams, John Carriero, Debora Shuger

M.Phil. Theology, Oriel College, University of Oxford, 2006

Thesis: The Ontology of Relations according to Aquinas
Supervisor: Marilyn McCord Adams

B.A. Philosophy, Biola University, 2004

Awards and Honors

American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly Rising Scholar Essay Prize (2018)
Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy Founders' Award (2013)
British Society for the History of Philosophy Graduate Student Essay Prize (2009)
Oriel College Examination Prize (2006)
Epsilon Kappa Epsilon (Biola, 2004)
Order of St. Peter and St. Paul (Torrey Honors Institute, Biola, 2004)

Fellowships and Grants

Baylor Summer Sabbatical (2019)
Baylor University Academy for Teaching and Learning Course Development Grant (2018)
Baylor University Academy for Teaching and Learning Summer Faculty Institute (2018)
Loyola Marymount University Academy for Catholic Thought and Imagination Fellowship (2015)
Loyola Marymount University Faith and Justice Curriculum Development Grant (2015)
Loyola Marymount University Core Course Development Grant (2013)
UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship (2010-2011)
UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Lynn and Maude White Fellowship (2010-2011, declined)
Harvey Fellowship (2009-2011)
UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship (2008-2009)

UCLA Summer Research Mentorships (2007, 2008, 2009)
UCLA University Fellowship (2006-2007)

Publications

Monographs

(Forthcoming) *Divine Ideas*. Cambridge University Press.

(2014) *John Duns Scotus on Parts, Wholes, and Hylomorphism*. Brill.

Essays

(Forthcoming) “Duns Scotus on Essential Order in *De Primo Principio* and Elsewhere,” in *Interpreting Scotus*, ed. Giorgio Pini. Cambridge University Press.

(Forthcoming) “The Incoherence of Ockham’s Ethics,” in *Grounding in Medieval Philosophy*, ed. Magali Roques. Brill.

(Forthcoming) “Parts, Wholes, and the Elements in Some Medieval Philosophers,” in *Parts and Wholes*, ed. Andrew Arlig. Brepols.

(Forthcoming) “Forms,” in *The Routledge Companion to Medieval Philosophy*, ed. Richard Cross and JT Paasch. Routledge.

(2020) “Relative Disability and Transhuman Happiness: St. Thomas Aquinas on the Beatific Vision,” in *Disability in Medieval Christian Philosophy and Theology*, ed. Scott Williams. Routledge

(2020) “Deiform Morality,” in *A New Theist Response to the New Atheists*, ed. Josh Rasmussen and Kevin Vallier. Routledge.

(2019) “A Most Mitigated Friar: Scotus on Natural Law and Divine Freedom,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 93:3, 385-409. (Winner, *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* Rising Scholar Essay Contest, 2018.)

(2019) “Scotism about Possible Natures,” *The Philosophical Quarterly* 69:275, 393-408.

(2018) “Losing the Lost Island,” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 83:1, 127-143.

(2018) “Many Exits on the Road to Corpuscularianism,” in *Hylomorphism and Mereology: Proceedings of the Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics* 15, ed. Gyula Klima and Alex Hall. Cambridge Scholars, 45-52.

(2018) “Logic and Ontological Commitment: Vincent Ferrer’s Theory of Natural Supposition,” in *Modern Views of Medieval Logic*, ed. Sara Uckelman. Peeters, 233-244.

(2017) “Voluntarism, Atonement, and Duns Scotus,” *The Heythrop Journal* 58:1, 37-43.

(2017) “John Duns Scotus,” in *T&T Clark Companion to the Atonement*, ed. Adam Johnson. T&T Clark.

(2016) “Reconstructing Aquinas’s World: Themes from Brower,” *Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy* 4, 184-197.

(2016) “Thomas Aquinas and John Buridan on Hylomorphism and the Beginning of Life,” *Res Philosophica* 93:1, 1-17.

(2015) “Transhumanization, Personal Identity, and the Afterlife: Thomistic Reflections on a Dantean Theme,” *New Blackfriars* 96:1065, 564-575.

(2015) “Notes from a Nominalist in a New Incunabulum by Symphorien Champier,” with Brian Copenhaver, in *Essays in Renaissance Thought and Letters in Honor of John Monfasani*, ed. A. Frazier. Brill, 546-604.

(2014) “Either Demons Exist or God Doesn’t,” in *The Devil and Philosophy*, ed. Robert Arp. Open Court, 151-158.

(2012) “Animals, Animal Parts, and Hylomorphism: John Duns Scotus’s Pluralism about Substantial Form,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 50:4, 531-558. (Winner, Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy Founders’ Award, 2013.)

(2011) “Spinoza on the Essences of Modes,” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 19:1, 19-46. (Winner, British Society for the History of Philosophy Graduate Student Essay Prize, 2009.)

(2011) “The Place of God in the *Meditations*,” in *The Great Books Reader*, ed. John Mark Reynolds. Bethany House, 153-155.

(2010) “Relations without Forms: Some Consequences of Aquinas’s Metaphysics of Relations,” *Vivarium* 48:3-4, 279-301.

(2006) “How Aquinas Could Have Argued that God is Really Related to Creatures,” in *Medieval Skepticism and the Claim to Metaphysical Knowledge: Proceedings of the Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics* 6, ed. Gyula Klima and Alex Hall. Cambridge Scholars, 95-107.

Reviews

(2017) Edward Feser, *Scholastic Metaphysics: A Contemporary Introduction*, in *Pro Ecclesia* 26:1, 137-132.

(2015) John Duns Scotus, *Duns Scotus on Time and Existence: The Questions on Aristotle’s ‘De Interpretatione’*, trans. E. Buckner and J. Zupko, in *History and Philosophy of Logic* 37:3, 292-294.

(2015) Thomas Aquinas, *Basic Works*, ed. J. Hause and R. Pasnau, in *Comitatus* 46, 305-307.

(2014) Katherine Lewis, *Kingship and Masculinity in Late Medieval England*, in *Comitatus* 45, 272-273.

(2011) Thomas Aquinas, *Disputed Questions on Virtue*, trans. Jeffrey Hause and Claudia Eisen Murphy, *Comitatus* 42, 223-225.

(2011) *Medieval Holy Women in the Christian Tradition, c.1100-c.1500*, ed. A. Minnis and R. Voaden, in *Comitatus* 42, 276-278.

(2010) John J. Conley, *Adoration and Annihilation: The Convent Philosophy of Port Royal*, in *Comitatus* 41, 241-244.

(2004) Leo Strauss, *On Plato’s Symposium*, in *Philosophia Christi* 6:2, 363-365.

in Progress

“Logical Necessity and Divine Love in Duns Scotus’s Ethical Thought,” under review

“The Nearly Unconditional Goodness of Immortal Life,” in *Claiming God*, ed. Shannon Craigo-Snell and Christine Helmer, submitted—awaiting referee comments

Review of Michael Gorman, *The Death of the Messiah and the Birth of the New Covenant*, for *The Heythrop Journal*

Review of Antonie Vos, *The Theology of John Duns Scotus*, for *International Journal of Systematic Theology*.

Presentations

‘*’ denotes invited

Talks

“O Taste and See that the Lord is Good: On Beer and Beatitude,” at Topsy Orthodoxy, Pinewood Public House, Waco, Texas (2020)

“The Nearly Unconditional Goodness of Immortal Life: An Augustinian Reply to Williams,” at the British Society for Philosophy of Religion conference, Oxford (2019)

“Scotism about Possible Natures,” at Pepperdine (2018)*

“Disabled Relative to What? Aquinas and Duns Scotus on Beatific Vision and Human Nature,” at the Disability in Latin Medieval Philosophy and Theology conference, Notre Dame (2018)*; at the University of North Carolina, Asheville (2016)*; and at the Medieval Colloquium, Sewanee (2016)

“Divine Thinking into Possible Being,” at the Morris Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder (2018)

“Ockham on Hating God,” at the Moody Workshop in Medieval Philosophy, UCLA (2018)*

“Introduction to Bonaventure’s *On the Reduction of the Arts to Theology*,” at Brooks College, Baylor (2018)*

“Augustine on the Unconditional Goodness of Immortal Life,” at the Marilyn McCord Adams Memorial Conference, Rutgers (2018)*

“The Inherence of Accidents Immediately in Prime Matter: A Crisis in Late Scholastic Metaphysics,” at the Rio Colloquium on Logic and Metaphysics in the Later Middle Ages, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (2017)*

“Logical Possibility, Natural Goodness, and Divine Commands: Rethinking Scotus’s Voluntarism,” at the Analytic Theology Seminar, Fuller Theological Seminary (2017)*; at the Scientia Workshop, University of California, Irvine (2016)*; at the Meaning of Love conference, Biola University (2016); and at the *Journal of the History of Philosophy* Master’s Class, University of Toronto (2015)*

“Deiform Morality,” at the New Theists conference, Wake Forest (2016)*

“Of Gods and Butterflies: Dante’s Concept of Transhumanization,” at the Torrey Honors Institute, Biola University (2015)*

“Without God, Everything is Permitted: Some Medieval Reflections on Morality and God’s Freedom,” at the Friday Faculty Colloquium, Loyola Marymount University (2015)*

“Modes of Signifying without Ontology: the Strange Case of Symphorien Champier’s ‘Isagoge’,” at the Brianfest conference in honor of Brian Copenhaver, UCLA (2015)*

“Transhumanization, Personal Identity, and the Afterlife: Thomistic Reflections on a Dantean Theme,” at the Dominican Colloquium, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley (2014)*

“Hylomorphism, the Beginning of Life, and John Buridan,” at the APA-Eastern, Baltimore (2013)*

“Unity of Order in Duns Scotus’s Metaphysics of Substance,” at the Unum Verum Bonum conference, University of Lisbon (2013)

“Scotus and Ockham on the Relations of Matter and Form,” at the Metaphysics: Aristotelian, Scholastic, Analytic conference, Strahov Monastery, Prague (2010)

“Logic and Ontological Commitment: Vincent Ferrer’s Theory of Natural Supposition,” at the Modern Views of Medieval Logic conference, University of Bonn (2007)

“How Aquinas Could Have Argued that God is Really Related to Creatures,” at the ACPA conference, Denison University (2006); and at the Arizona CMRS conference in Tempe, AZ (2006)

Comments

Giorgio Pini and Thomas Williams, at the APA-Eastern, New York (2019)*

James Dominic Rooney, O.P., “Believing the Incomprehensible God: Aquinas on Understanding God’s Testimony,” at the SCP conference, Calvin College (2018)

Junius Johnson’s translation of Bonaventure, *On the Eucharist: Commentary on the “Sentences,” Book IV, dist. 8-13*, at the Honors College, Baylor (2018)*

Jeffrey Brower, *Aquinas’s Ontology of the Material World*, at the APA-Central, Chicago (2016)*; and at the ACPA conference, Boston (2015)*

Shane Wilkins, “How Unicity Theorists can Recover the Elements from Material Substances,” at the ACPA conference, Boston (2015)*

Guy Consolmagno, “Science, Religion, and the Art of Storytelling,” at Loyola Marymount University (2015)*

Ginger Clausen, “Virtue and the Right Apportionment of Affection,” at USC (2010)

Courses Taught

Baylor University

Classical Philosophy (x3)
Ancient Political Philosophy
Philosophy and the Inklings (x5)
Medieval Philosophy (x2)
Divine Ideas (graduate seminar)
Duns Scotus (graduate seminar)

Loyola Marymount University

Philosophy of Human Nature (x6)
First Year Seminar: Inklings (x6)
Medieval Philosophy (x4)
Honors Philosophical Inquiry (x3)
Philosophical Inquiry (x3)
Philosophy of Religion
Ethics
Justice in the Franciscan Tradition
Philosophy and Literature: Inklings (LMU Summer in Oxford)

Ethics: Plato to Machiavelli (LMU Summer in Rome)
Anselm (graduate seminar)
Duns Scotus (graduate seminar)
Aquinas's Legal Philosophy (independent study)
Medieval Aesthetics (independent study)

University of California, Los Angeles

Historical Introduction to Philosophy
Medieval Logic (graduate seminar, co-taught with Brian Copenhaver)

Azusa Pacific University

Introduction to Philosophy (x5)
Ancient Greek Philosophy
Medieval Philosophy
Early Modern Philosophy
Modal Logic (independent study)

Advising

Dissertation Supervisor

Nik Breiner, on Aquinas on punishment (Baylor, in progress)

Dissertation Committee Member

Christopher Tomaszewski, onhylomorphic animalism (Baylor, in progress)
Robert Verrill, onhylomorphism and quantum physics (Baylor, in progress)
Alex Hoffman, on envy (Baylor, in progress)
Derek McAllister, on the history of *acedia* (Baylor, in progress)
Joseph Dowd, "The Many Forms of Pluralism: Essays on the Medieval Unitarian/Pluralist Debate," (UC Irvine, 2017)

Undergraduate Thesis Director

Seth Howton, Tolkien and Medieval Philosophy (Baylor, in progress)
Mia Angeliese, Theological Anthropology and the Trinity (Baylor, in progress)
Jackson Souza, "Medieval Metaphysics of Light" (Loyola Marymount, 2015)
Aristos Kemiji, "Don Quixote as Homo Hispanicus in 20th Century Spanish Philosophy" (Loyola Marymount, 2014)

Service

Baylor University

Philosophy Department Climate Committee (2018-)
Philosophy Department Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2018-)
Philosophy Department Recording Secretary (2018-)
Faculty Mentor, College of Arts and Sciences (2017-)

Loyola Marymount University

Director, MA Program in Philosophy (2016-2017)
Director, Catholic Studies minor (2015-2016)
Graduate Admissions Committee (2016, 2017)
Ignatian Service Corps Mentor (2015-2016)
Search Committee for Bellarmine Society Post-doctoral Fellows (2015)
Huffington Ecumenical Institute Advisory Board (2015-2017)
Majors Advisor (2013-2015)
Co-leader, Graduate Student Philosophical Writing Workshop (2014, 2016)
Faculty Handbook Committee (2013-2015)
Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts Curriculum and Assessment Committee (2013-2015)
Philosophy Department Colloquium Coordinator (2012-2016)
Common Book Selection Committee (2012, 2013)
Faculty in Residence (2012-2013)

Azusa Pacific University

Undergraduate TA Supervisor (2011)
Pew College Society Mentor (2011)

Other Professional Activities

Article Referee: *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Medioevo*, *Recherches de Théologie et Philosophie médiévales*, *Religions*, *Res Philosophica*, *Roczniki Filozoficzne (Annals of Philosophy)*, *Studia Neoaristotelica*, *Vivarium*

Book Referee: Broadview Press, Fordham University Press, University of Notre Dame Press

Grant Referee: KU Leuven Research Council

Conference Referee: USC/UCLA Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy

Participant, Wrestling with Life: Analytic Theology and Biblical Narratives Workshop, Jerusalem (2020)

Panelist, Faith and Reason Panel, sponsored by Oso Logos and American Scientific Affiliation, Baylor (2018)

Participant, Communio: A Retreat for Baylor Educators, Laity Lodge, Kerrville, TX (2018)

Instructor, Collegium Institute, Genealogies of Modernity Workshop, University of Pennsylvania (2017)

Participant, Loyola Marymount University President's Institute (2014, 2016)

Discussant, Moody Workshop in Medieval Philosophy, UCLA (2016)

Participant, Loyola Marymount University Faculty/Staff Immersion Trip, El Salvador (2016)

Participant, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* Master's Class, University of Toronto (2015)

Co-organizer, Marilynfest Conference, Georgetown University (2014)

Graduate Student Researcher, for Terence Parsons, transcribing and translating Latin texts for his book, *Articulating Medieval Logic* (OUP, 2014, acknowledged on p.315) (2009)

Participant, Thomistic Seminar, Princeton (2006, 2007, 2008)

President, Oxford University Graduate Theological Society (2005-2006)

Head Resident and Scholar in Residence, The Kilns, Oxford (2004-2006)

Languages

Research competence in Latin, Koiné Greek, French, Spanish, Italian

Professional Associations

American Philosophical Association

American Catholic Philosophical Association

Society of Christian Philosophers

Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics