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EXPERIENCE:

University of Saint Thomas, Houston, Texas.

Fall 2025, Spring 2026

Instructor, Philosophy Department. Philosophy of Nature and the Human Person (→link)

El Centro de Corazón

January 2024 - Present

Senior Grant Writer.

Spring Branch Community Health Center

September 2021 – January 2024

Grant Writer.

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Director of Campus Ministry.

July 2002 – September 2021

- Catholic Student Center at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas.

- Universities of the Texas Medical Center, Houston, Texas.

Taught various programs in continuing faith formation. Organized discussions on biomedical ethics and inter-religious dialog. Supervised three employees and numerous volunteers. Oversaw operations and maintenance of the Center. Created *A Catholic College Student's Spiritual Survival Guide* (→link), 84-page booklet of prayers and basic Catholic teaching.

University of Saint Thomas, Houston, Texas.

Summer 2017

Instructor, Philosophy Department. Introduction to Ethics

Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas.

Spring 2003. Fall 2005 – Spring 2016

Lecturer, Philosophy Department. Introduction to Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

Lone Star College, The Woodlands, Texas.

Fall 2004 – Spring 2005

Adjunct Instructor, Montgomery College. Introduction to Philosophy (two sections per semester)

University of Saint Thomas, Houston, Texas.

Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department.

Spring 2001 – Spring 2002

Instructor, Philosophy Department.

Fall 2000 – Spring 2001

Lecturer, Philosophy Department.

Spring 2000

Courses Taught:

Ancient Philosophy

Philosophy of the Human Person

Medieval Philosophy

Philosophical Latin (graduate course)

Traditional Logic

Introduction to Ethics

Peer Tutoring Program Coordinator, Learning Resource Center. August 1998 - May 1999

Recruited, scheduled, and supervised tutors. Tutored students in philosophy and writing.

Assisted in planning, coordinating and videotaping lecture series.

Lecturer, Philosophy Department. Medieval Philosophy

Fall 1996

Houston Community College District, Houston, Texas.

Adjunct Instructor – Central/Northeast Campus. Logic - Introductory symbolic logic.

Fall 1995,

Fall 1996

University of Houston - Downtown, Houston, Texas.

Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy. Introduction to Philosophy, Modern Philosophy. Spring/Fall 1994

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. Philosophy. University of Saint Thomas, Houston, Texas. 1999.

M.A. Philosophy. University of Saint Thomas, Houston, Texas. 1993.

B.A. Philosophy. Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley, California. 1988.
One year of graduate theology studies.

PUBLICATIONS (→ online links):

Books:

To Know the Truth of Things: An Overview of the Philosophy of Saint Thomas Aquinas, →
Forthcoming 2025.

A Catholic College Student's Spiritual Survival Guide, → Independently Published 2005, 2024.
84-page booklet of prayers and basic Catholic teaching.

Unmixing the Intellect: Aristotle on Cognitive Powers and Bodily Organs. → Greenwood 2003.

Articles:

"How Scientism Undermines Science." → *Magis Center for Reason and Faith*. (October 10, 2023).

"The Focus on Immanent Activity in the Second Way." → *Thomistica.net*. (July 7, 2021).

"The Alleged Birthday Fallacy in Aquinas's Third Way," → in *Reflections on Medieval and Renaissance Thought*, edited by Darci Hill. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2017.

"Sense Organs and the Activity of Sensation in Aristotle." → *Phronesis* 45 (2000): 306-330.

"Law and Virtue in Aquinas." → *Jaarboekje 1996*. Thomas Instituut te Utrecht, Netherlands: 37-54.

"Eternal Truth in Aristotle's *Posterior Analytics*, I, 8." *Dialogue* 38 (1996): 30-35.

Book Review:

God and Argumentation/Dieu et l'argumentation philosophique, edited by William Sweet,
Philosophy in Review/Comptes rendus en philosophie 21 (2001).

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS:

"Enchantment of Perception in Conformity with Aristotle." Paper presented at the 6th Annual
Conference on Medicine and Religion, Houston, Texas, March 23, 2017.

"Aquinas and the Birthday Fallacy." Paper delivered at the Second International Conference on
Medieval and Renaissance Thought at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas,
April 8, 2016.

"The Problem of Evil and Aquinas' Teaching of Humanity." Paper delivered at the First U.S.
Conference of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas, Houston, Texas, October
18, 2013.

"Burning the Bushel Basket: Overcoming Intellectual Obstacles to the Catholic Faith."
Presentation delivered at the Catholic Campus Ministry Association National
Convention, Clearwater Beach, Florida, January 9, 2013.

"Aristotle and Contemporary Philosophies of Mind." → Paper delivered at the Dominican
School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley, California, February 6, 2008.

"Functionalism and Separate Substances in Aquinas," Paper delivered at the International
Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan,
May 3, 2001.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS (continued):

- “Aristotle and Aquinas on Proving the Intellect’s Immateriality,” → Paper delivered at The Gilson Society Meeting, Berkeley, California, October 22, 1999.
- “The Activity of Sensation in Aristotle,” Paper delivered at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 2, 1999.
- “Sense Organs and the Activity of Sensation in Aristotle,” Philosophy Department Colloquium Paper, University of Saint Thomas, February 11, 1999.
- “Receptivity of *Nous* in *De Anima*, III.4,” → Paper delivered at the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy session at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Los Angeles, California, March 26, 1998.
- “Law and Virtue in Aquinas,” Philosophy Department Colloquium Paper, University of Saint Thomas, Houston, Texas, November 1996.

POPULAR PRESENTATIONS:

- “Beyond My Personal Faith,” *Café Catholica North*. Public lecture organized by the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministry, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, February 18, 2019.
- “Challenging Faith.” A series of led discussions covering: evidence for God, the resurrection of Jesus, evolution, and the meaning of evil and suffering. Black Labrador Pub, Houston, Texas. Fall 2017.
- “Catholic Teaching on Creation and Evolution” *Faith and Reason Lecture Series*. Saint Theresa’s Catholic Church, Sugarland, Texas, September 22, 2011.
- “The Rational Limits of Faith and Belief: Can we believe anything we want?” *Faith and Reason Lecture Series*. Saint Theresa’s Catholic Church, Sugarland, Texas, March 16, 2010.
- “Scientific Theories versus Religious Faith.” Presentation delivered to the *Classes on Christian Principles Series* sponsored by the Catholic Student Center, Rice University, Houston, Texas, Fall 2006.
- “Mind: The Medieval Legacy,” Public lecture delivered at the Museum of Printing History, Houston, Texas, November 1997.

ACADEMIC SERVICE:

- Design and maintenance of *Thomistic Philosophy Web Page* (<http://www.AquinasOnline.com>)→ 1996 - present.
- Member, Planning Committee for Converging Roads: Medical Conference on Beginning of Life Issues presented by St. John Paul II Foundation, Houston, Texas. April 2017
- Organizer and Panelist. *True Believers: Beyond the Myths concerning Diverse Religions*. Discussion forum with representatives from various religious and non-religious traditions. Sam Houston State University. 2009 – 2011.
- Panelist. *Community Forum on Capital Punishment* sponsored by the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, November 7, 2007.
- Panelist. *Spirituality and Counseling* panel discussion. Sponsored by the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling. Sam Houston State University. Fall 2006.
- Panelist. NAACP Forum on Cultural Values. Sam Houston State University. Spring 2005.

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

The Houstonian (SHSU student newspaper) Readers' Choice Award for Outstanding On-Campus Religious Organization, 2015, 2016.

SHSU Sammy Award for Most Outstanding Religious Organization, 2005, 2007.

General operating grant from Sterling-Turner Foundation, March 2004.

Faculty Development Grant, May, 2001.

Faculty Advisor for UST Fencing Club. 2001 –2002.

Hypertext formatting for "Plain Radiographic Diagnosis of Congenital Heart Disease," → by Colin McMahon, M.B.BCh., and Edward Singleton, M.D., Texas Children's Hospital and the Texas Heart Institute, 2000.