

PUBLICATIONS

2. “Access Denied: A Reply to Rickabaugh and McAllister”
(with J. Rosenbaum)
(2018) International Journal for Philosophy of Religion 83(2): 201–207
3. “A Geachian Cure for Morally Paralyzed Skeptical Theists”
(2017) Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association 91: 73–80
4. “Intentionality as Partial Identity”
(2017) Southwest Philosophy Review 33(1): 15–23 (WINNER OF THE 2016 SOUTHWEST PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT’S PRIZE)
5. “Formal Proper Parts Through Strong Supplementation: A Reply to Bennett”
(2016) The Southern Journal of Philosophy 54(4): 521–526
6. “The Principle of Sufficient Reason Defended: There Is No Conjunction of All Contingently True Propositions”
(2016) Philosophia 44(1): 267–274

BOOK REVIEWS

1. *A Defense of Conciliar Christology* by Timothy Pawl
Nova et Vetera, forthcoming
2. *Aquinas on the Metaphysics of the Hypostatic Union* by Michael Gorman
Journal of Analytic Theology (2018) 6: 793–798
3. *Approaching Infinity* by Michael Huemer
Review of Metaphysics (2018) 71(3): 579–580

IN PROGRESS

1. “The Supplemented Soul: Thomistic Corruptionism and Mereology”
2. “Divine Simplicity and the Contingency of Creation”
3. “Parental Obligation and Christian Dualism”
4. “Too Many Gods: Pantheism and Mereology”

SELECTED
PRESENTATIONS

- “A Formal Solution to Compositional Vagueness”
– 2020 Eastern Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers,
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL (WINNER OF THE MEETING’S BEST
GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE) 23-25 January 2020
- “Divine Simplicity and the Contingency of Creation”
– 2020 International Congress for Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI 7-10 May 2020
– *Thomas Aquinas on Creation and Nature*, Rome, Italy 3-5 October 2019
- “One Body, One Animal, One Person, One Substance to Be Them All”
– 2019 Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association:
A Perennial Philosophy of Nature (Baylor Satellite Session), Minneapolis, MN 21-24 November 2019
– Fourth Annual *Symposium Thomisticum: Aquinas the Philosopher-Theologian*,
Rome, Italy 4-6 July 2019
- “Aquinas on Death as Substantial Corruption”
– 2019 Pacific Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers,
Las Vegas, NV 5-6 April 2019
– 2019 Central Division Meeting of the APA (Main Program), Denver, CO 20-23 February 2019

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PRESENTATIONS

- “The Supplemented Soul: Thomistic Corruptionism and Mereology”
- Third Annual *Symposium Thomisticum: Aquinas and the Greeks*, Athens, Greece 7-9 June 2018
 - 2018 Central Division Meeting of the APA (Main Program), Chicago, IL 21-24 February 2018
 - 2017 Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association: *Philosophy, Faith, and Modernity* (Baylor Satellite Session), Dallas, TX 16-19 November 2017
 - 2017 Dominican Colloquium: *Person, Soul, and Consciousness*, Saint Albert’s Priory, Berkeley, CA (WINNER OF THE CONFERENCE’S OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE) 12-15 July 2017
 - Seventh Annual Aquinas Workshop: *Aquinas on Metaphysics*, Mount Saint Mary’s College, Newburgh, NY 29 June-2 July 2017
- “Collapsing the Modal Collapse Argument: On an Invalid Argument against Divine Simplicity”
- 2019 Eastern Division Meeting of the APA (Main Program), New York, NY 7-10 January 2019
 - 2018 Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association: *Philosophy, Catholicism, and Public Life* (Baylor Satellite Session), San Diego, CA 8-11 November 2018
 - 40th Anniversary Society of Christian Philosophers Conference, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI 13-16 September 2018
 - 14th Annual Gonzaga Graduate Philosophy Conference, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA 21-22 April 2018
 - 2018 Meeting of the EPS Southwest Region, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Houston, TX (WINNER OF THE CONFERENCE’S BEST STUDENT PAPER PRIZE) 2-3 March 2018
 - 2017 Central Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Houston Baptist University, Houston, TX 13-14 October 2017
- “Ought Implies Can and Cryopreserved Embryos”
(with H. Tomaszewski)
- 7th Annual Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization: *Humanae Vitae* 50 Years Later, Benedictine College, Atchison, KS 23-24 March 2018
- “A Geachian Cure for Morally Paralyzed Skeptical Theists”
- 2017 Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association: *Philosophy, Faith, and Modernity* (Main Program), Dallas, TX 16-19 November 2017
 - 2017 Pacific Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Biola University, La Mirada, CA 30 March-1 April 2017
- “Non-Resistance is Futile: Divine Hiddenness, Evil, and Human Nature”
- 2017 Central Division Meeting of the APA (Main Program), Kansas City, MO (Under the title “Divine Hiddenness: Why Mere Non-Resistance is Insufficient”) 1-4 March 2017
 - Divine Hiddenness Workshop, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 22 February 2017
 - 2016 Pacific Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, University of San Diego (WINNER OF THE MEETING’S BEST GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE) (Under the title “Divine Hiddenness: Why Mere Non-Resistance is Insufficient”) 17-19 March 2016
- “The Simple Truth: Divine Simplicity and God as Truth Itself”
- 2017 Analytic Theology and the Nature of God Summer School: *Advancing and Challenging Classical Theism*, Weltenburg Abbey, Weltenburg, Germany 27 July-6 August 2017

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PRESENTATIONS

- “Formal Proper Parts Through Strong Supplementation: A Reply to Bennett”
– 2017 Eastern Division Meeting of the APA (Main Program), Baltimore, MD 4-7 January 2017
- “Intentionality as Partial Identity”
– 78th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Corpus Christi, TX 11-13 November 2016
– 2016 Eastern Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 20-22 October 2016
– 67th Annual Meeting of the New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society, Texas State University, San Marcos (WINNER OF THE GLENN C. JOY AWARD FOR 2nd BEST PAPER AT THE MEETING) 25-26 March 2016
- “Christian Materialism and the *Imago Dei*”
– 2016 Midwest Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Evangel University, Springfield, MO 22-24 September 2016
- “Moral Error Theory and the Law of Excluded Middle”
– Third Annual Philosophers’ Cocoon Philosophy Conference, University of Tampa 7-8 November 2015
– 2015 Central Division Meeting of the APA (Main Program), Saint Louis, MO 18-21 February 2015
– Fourth Annual Student Philosophy Conference, Dowling College, Oakdale, NY 4 May 2014
– 50th Annual Meeting of the Long Island Philosophical Society, Molloy College, Rockville Center, NY 26 April 2014
- “The Principle of Sufficient Reason Defended: There Is No Conjunction of All Contingently True Propositions”
– 2014 Eastern Division Meeting of the APA (Main Program), Philadelphia, PA 27-30 December 2014
– IX Annual Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Philosophy Conference, Brown University, Providence, RI 15-16 November 2014
– 2014 Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill 21-22 February 2014

WORKSHOPS &
SEMINARS

- Lumen Christi Institute Graduate Seminars
(Funding awarded for each)
- *Catholic Social Teaching* 21-27 July 2019
University of California, Berkeley, CA
 - *Aquinas on Free Choice* 28 June-4 July 2018
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
 - *The Thought of John Henry Newman* 10-16 July 2016
Oxford University, Oxford, UK
- Annual Aquinas Workshop
(Funding awarded for each)
Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY
- *Aquinas on Human Action and Virtue* 20-23 June 2019
 - *Aquinas on the Divine Attributes* 14-17 June 2018
 - *Aquinas on Metaphysics* 29 June-2 July 2017
 - *Aquinas on Politics* 2-5 June 2016
 - *Aquinas and the Philosophy of Nature* 4-7 June 2015
 - *Aquinas on God* 5-8 June 2014

WORKSHOPS &
SEMINARS

Analytic Theology and the Nature of God Summer School and
Conference: *Advancing and Challenging Classical Theism*
Weltenburg Abbey, Kelheim, Germany & Munich, Germany

- Awarded funding to attend

27 July-6 August 2017

HONORS &
AWARDS

Graduate Student Travel Stipends
American Philosophical Association

- 2019 Central APA, 2019 Eastern APA, 2018 Central APA,
2017 Central APA, 2017 Eastern APA

Society of Christian Philosophers Divisional Best
Graduate Student Paper Prizes

- 2020 Eastern Division Prize (\$500 purse)
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2016 Pacific Division Prize (\$500 purse)
University of San Diego, San Diego, CA

January 2020

March 2016

2018 Summer Writing Stipend

The Pantheism and Panentheism Project

- A £1000 summer stipend to write a paper entitled
“Too Many Gods: Pantheism and Mereology”

Summer 2018

2018 EPS Southwest Region Meeting Best Student Paper Prize
Houston, TX

- Awarded for the best paper by a student at the
2018 EPS Southwest Region Meeting (\$100 purse)

March 2018

2017 Dominican Colloquium Outstanding Graduate Student
Paper Prize
Berkeley, CA

- Awarded for the best paper by a graduate student at the
2017 Dominican Colloquium (\$500 purse)

July 2017

2016 Southwestern Philosophical Society President’s Prize
Corpus Christi, TX

- Awarded for the best paper by a scholar no more than three
years beyond the PhD (\$150 purse)

November 2016

Comprehensive Examination Commendations
Baylor University, Waco, TX

- Special commendations from the department for superlative
performance on the comprehensive examinations covering:
 - Mediæval Philosophy: Augustine—High Scholasticism
 - Ancient Philosophy: Thales—Plotinus

August 2016

August 2016

2016 Glenn C. Joy Award

Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

- Awarded for the 2^d best paper at the meeting of the
New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society (\$250 purse)

March 2016

HONORS &
AWARDS

Baylor Presidential Scholarship

Fall 2015—Spring 2020

Baylor University, Waco, TX

- University-wide scholarship awarded on the strength of admissions application

Outstanding Scholars Fellowship

Fall 2012—Summer 2014

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

- University-wide scholarship awarded on the strength of admissions application

Departmental Honors in Mathematics

May 2010

Villanova University, Villanova, PA

- Senior paper on multi-colour Ramsey theory

GRADUATE
COURSEWORK

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Seminar in Teaching Philosophy

Anne-Marie Schultz

Modern and Contemporary Philosophy

Todd Buras

Topics in Phil. Mind

John Haldane

Logic for Philosophers

Alexander Pruss

Thomas Aquinas' *Treatise on Virtue*

Robert Miner

Moral Philosophy

John Haldane

Aristotelian Metaphysics

A. Pruss & R. Koons

Ancient and Mediæval Philosophy

Alexander Pruss

Thomas Aquinas' *Treatise on Law*

Francis Beckwith

History of Analytic Philosophy

Jonathan Kvanvig

Fallibilism and Evidence

Charity Anderson

Persons, Objects, Time and Abstracta

Alexander Pruss

Divine Hiddenness

Trent Dougherty

Materialism and Dualism in Phil. Mind

C. Stephen Evans

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Locke's *Human Understanding*

Lionel Shapiro

Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*

Crawford Elder

Philosophy of Mathematics

Marcus Rossberg

Mathematical Logic

David Soloman

Meta-ethics

Paul Bloomfield

Four Topics in Normative Ethics

Hallie Liberto

Wilfrid Sellars

A. Clark & L. Shapiro

Theories of Truth

Michael Lynch

Composition as Identity

Donald L.M. Baxter

Graduate Introduction to Formal Logic

Jc Beall

Free of Detachment

Jc Beall

20th Century Analytic Philosophy

Samuel Wheeler

ASSISTANTSHIPS	<p>Teaching Assistantships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baylor Philosophy 2308 — Thomas Aquinas Spring 2018 Francis Beckwith • Baylor Philosophy 3339 — Law and Religion Fall 2017, Spring 2018 Francis Beckwith • Baylor Philosophy 1306 — Honors Logic Spring 2017 Todd Buras • Baylor Philosophy 4311 — Epistemology Spring 2016 Jon Kvanvig • UConn Philosophy 1102 — Philosophy and Logic Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013 Austen Clark <p>Research Assistantships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Assistant to Professor John Haldane Fall 2016 • Research Assistant to Professor Trent Dougherty Fall 2015
MEDIA APPEARANCES	<p>Podcast Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classical Theism Podcast: On Divine Simplicity and Modal Collapse URL: http://bit.ly/CMTonCT 21 October 2019 • Reason and Theology Podcast: On Divine Simplicity and the Human Interim State URL: http://bit.ly/CMTonRT 28 August 2019
ACADEMIC SERVICE	<p>Baylor University Chapter of the Thomistic Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founding Officer Fall 2016—Present <p>Baylor University Graduate Student Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophy Department Representative Fall 2017—Spring 2018 <p>University of Connecticut Graduate Student Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the Finance Committee Spring 2014 • Senator from the Department of Philosophy Fall 2013—Spring 2014 <p>University of Connecticut Scholastic Standards Senate Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting Graduate Member Spring 2014
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<p>Journal Referee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>History of Philosophy Quarterly</i> (2019) • <i>Organon F</i> (2014)
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. American Philosophical Association 2. American Catholic Philosophical Association

DISSERTATION
ABSTRACT

Many human persons have believed that they have souls, principles of life. Many who have believed this have also believed that although their souls are immortal, they are not: human persons die, and their souls live on. This is a project about this intriguing and promising conjunction of eschatological views:

SOUL IMMORTALITY: At the death of the human person, the human soul survives.

PERSONAL MORTALITY: At the death of the human person, the human person ceases to exist.

The philosophical pedigree of SOUL IMMORTALITY is long and illustrious, but it presupposes the *existence* of a human soul, and arguments for the existence of a human soul, as well as the classical arguments for its immortality (by Plato, Aristotle, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Descartes and others) are widely scorned today as irremediably flawed, even if didactic and historically interesting. PERSONAL MORTALITY, on the other hand, is popular among contemporary analytic philosophers, animalists and psychological continuity theorists alike. But it frequently rests on a background physicalist ontology, and such ontologies are under severe theoretical stress after the resurgence of metaphysics and dualism in the late 20th century. Philosophers defending the conjunction of SOUL IMMORTALITY and PERSONAL MORTALITY are virtually non-existent today, and those who have historically accepted the conjunction (mostly those holding a Thomistic ontology of the human person) have largely failed to attend to the philosophical questions and theological difficulties that arise in the context of the conjunction.

So the time is ripe for a renewed defense of this conjunction of eschatological claims about the human person against both physicalists who would deny the existence of an immortal soul and substance dualists who would deny that human persons truly die. This project is devoted to that task.

Chapter 1 aims at converting animalists to hylemorphism by demonstrating the theoretical fecundity of substantial forms for animals (souls) in unifying animals and making them ontologically determinate. Chapter 2 advances this line of argument by showing, using some classical 20th century arguments about the indeterminacy of the physical and the rational indubitability of determinate human thought, that human souls must have their own operation and therefore be subsistent.

Switching tasks, Chapter 3 is an exploration of whether Aquinas accepted survivalism or corruptionism, and argues that he is committed to basic metaphysical and mereological principles that entail corruptionism. Finally, Chapter 4 is a collection of arguments for the conclusion that hylemorphism entails corruptionism together with some replies to common philosophical and theological objections to corruptionism.

REFERENCES

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