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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Saint Louis University, January 2006

Dissertation: “Causation in Contemporary Metaphysics and in the Thought of Thomas Aquinas”

Committee: Eleonore Stump (director), Colleen McCluskey, Kent Staley, Peter van Inwagen (external committee member)

Graduate coursework as a visiting student at the University of Notre Dame, Department of Philosophy, 2002-2003

M.A., Theology, with Honors, Franciscan University of Steubenville, August 2000

B.A., Public Policy, with Distinction, Stanford University, June 1997

Undergraduate coursework, Pomona College, 1993-1994, transferred to Stanford after Freshman year

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Post Doctoral Fellow, Evolution and Theology of Cooperation Project, Harvard University
Fall 2006-Summer 2007

Assistant Professor, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, Spring 2006—Present

Instructor, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, Fall 2005

Instructor, Saint Louis University, 2003-2004

Teaching Assistant, Cyril O’Regan, for the *Traditio* program, Summer 2003

Research Assistant, Alvin Plantinga, 2002-2003

Teaching Assistant, Scott MacDonald, *Traditio*, Summer 2002

Henle Research Assistant, Eleonore Stump, 2001-2002

Teaching Assistant, Fr. John Kavanaugh, S.J., 2000-2001

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Contemporary Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion, Medieval Philosophy (especially Aquinas)

PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES

“The Moral Status of Anger: Thomas Aquinas and John Cassian,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, forthcoming.

“Multiple Universes and the Fine-tuning Argument: A Response to Rodney Holder,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 86 (2005): 556-576.

“Aquinas, St. Thomas,” in the *Dictionary for Theological Interpretation of the Bible*, Kevin Vanhoozer, ed., Craig Bartholomew, N.T. Wright, and Daniel J. Treier, assoc. eds. (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2005).

“Substance and Artifact in Thomas Aquinas,” *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, 21:3 (July 2004): 241-259.

PUBLICATIONS: REVIEWS

Review of Denys Turner's *Faith, Reason and the Existence of God* (Cambridge U.P., 2004), in the *Scottish Journal of Theology*, forthcoming.

Review of Charles T. Mathewes's *Evil and the Augustinian Tradition* (Cambridge U.P., 2001), in *Ars Disputandi: The Online Journal of Philosophy of Religion*, Spring 2002. Available at <http://www.arsdisputandi.org/publish/articles/000050/index.html>, under “Book Reviews”.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“An Anti-reductionist Account of Singular Causation,” under review, *The Monist*.

“Ned Hall's Reductive Analysis of Production,” under review, *The Philosophical Quarterly*.

“Evolution and Divine Providence”

PRESENTATIONS

“Aquinas on Justice,” The Twelfth Sino-American Symposium on Philosophy and Religious Studies, Beijing University, Beijing, China. July 2006.

“The Difference between Efficient and Final Causation According to Aquinas,” Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. June 2006.

“Aquinas's Account of Efficient Causation,” Midwestern Conference in Medieval Philosophy, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI. Sept 16, 2005.

“A New Challenge for Counterfactual Accounts of Causation”
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN. Feb 2005.

“Happiness and the Principle of Alternative Possibilities”

Response (to a paper of Benjamin Brown’s), Saint Louis University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference on *The Metaphysics of Persons*, October 2002.

“The Moral Status of Anger in the Christian Tradition: Cassian and Aquinas”

The Society of Christian Philosophers Central Regional Meeting,
Bethel College, St. Paul, MN, March 2002.

“The Constituents of a Human Action according to St. Thomas Aquinas”

Our Lady of Corpus Christi Institute, Corpus Christi, TX, March 2001.

“Mind-Matter Interaction in Two Contemporary Thinkers”

The Society of Christian Philosophers Eastern Regional Meeting,
St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY, March 2001.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Pomona College Scholar, 1994

Jaeger Prize for Mathematics, Pomona College, 1994

Phi Beta Kappa, Stanford University, 1997

Special fellowship from Saint Louis University to study at the University of Notre Dame’s
Department of Philosophy, 2002-2003

GSA Brennan Scholarship Exam Study Award, Saint Louis University Graduate Student
Association, 2003

Great Distinction, Saint Louis University doctoral oral comprehensive examination,
Department of Philosophy, August 2003

Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 2004

Alpha Sigma Nu (The National Jesuit Honor Society), Saint Louis University,
The Graduate School, 2004

James Collins Memorial Scholarship, for excellence in graduate studies in philosophy,
Saint Louis University, 2003-2004

SLU 2000 Research Fellowship, Saint Louis University, 2004-2005

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 2006

Referee, *Sophia*, 2006

Referee, *The Journal of Philosophical Research*, 2005-2006

President, Philosophy Graduate Student Association, Saint Louis University, 2003-04

GRADUATE COURSEWORK IN PHILOSOPHY (* indicates course audited)

<i>Contemporary Metaphysics & Philosophy of Language</i>	Metaphysics (Peter van Inwagen) Contemporary Metaphysics and Free Will (Alicia Finch) Modality and Counterfactuals (Kent Staley) Philosophy of Language (Scott Berman)
<i>Philosophy of Religion</i>	Religion & Science: Conflict or Concord? (Alvin Plantinga) Christian Theism and Philosophy* (Alvin Plantinga) Faith and Reason (Patrick Lee)
<i>History of Philosophy</i>	Aristotle's Epistemology (Richard Blackwell) Aristotle's Metaphysics (Scott Berman) Aristotle's Metaphysics (Michael Loux) Plotinus and Neoplatonism (Jack Marler) Aquinas and Dante on the Virtues (Eleonore Stump) Aquinas's <i>Summa theologiae</i> (Eleonore Stump) Aquinas's Philosophy of Mind (Eleonore Stump) Supertranscendentals (John Doyle) Kant's <i>First Critique</i> (William Charron)

REFERENCES

Eleonore Stump (Saint Louis University)	314 977-3158	stumpep@slu.edu
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