

Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Saint Louis University	08/2024- present
Lecturer in the History of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, King's College London	09/2023- 07/2024
Post-Doctoral Researcher, Department of Philosophy, Humboldt-Universität, Berlin, Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities "Human Abilities."	05/2020-08/2023
Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Department of Philosophy, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, USA.	08/2018 – 05/2020
Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Department of Philosophy, KU Leuven, Belgium.	05/2016 – 08/2018

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, KU Leuven (grade: 18/20). ¹ Dissertation title: "Human Action and Its Place in Nature: A Study of the Methodological Naturalism Underlying Thomas Aquinas's Psychology and Metaphysics of Human Action."	04/2016
M.Phil. Philosophy, KU Leuven, <i>summa cum laude</i> (88.39%).	2011
M.A. Philosophy, KU Leuven, <i>summa cum laude</i> (86.67%).	2010
B.A. Philosophy and Art History, Humboldt-Universität, Berlin, <i>sehr gut</i> (1,1).	2009

¹ For the Leuven grading scale, see https://www.kuleuven.be/onderwijs/ects/situering/archief-1/2015/template_perfaculteit#hiw.

Areas of Expertise

Latin medieval metaphysics, philosophy of action, and ethics; Thomas Aquinas

Areas of Competence

Ancient philosophy; early modern philosophy; contemporary analytic philosophy of action; aesthetics

Publications (“*” indicates a peer-reviewed publication)

Books

- with Russell Friedman (KU Leuven). *Medieval Philosophical Writings on the Powers of the Soul: From Aquinas to Ockham* (Anthology of Latin medieval texts in translation). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. *2025
- *Thomas Aquinas on the Metaphysics of the Human Act*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021. *2021

Articles

- “Albert the Great on the Soul and Its Powers.” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*. *Forthcoming
- with Nathaniel Baron-Schmitt (FU Berlin). “Introduction to Special Issue ‘Two-Way Powers: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives, *Philosophy* (2025). Forthcoming
- “Comments on: Orsi, Francesco. *The Guise of the Good: A Philosophical History*. New York and London: Routledge, 2023. Chapters 4 and 5.” *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10790-025-10031-2>. 2025
- with Gillian Shaftoe (formerly at Purdue University). “Henry of Ghent on the Relational Character of Causal Powers.” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 63 (1) (2025): 27–48. *2025
- “Aquinas on Dualist Mental Causation.” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 40 (2) (2023): 163–189. *2023

- “Super-Causes, Super-Grounds, and the Flow of Powers: Three Medieval Views on Natural Kinds and Kind-Specific Powers.” *Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy* 10 (2022): 118–152. *2022
- with Dominik Perler (Humboldt-Universität, Berlin). “Complexity and Unity: Peter of John Olivi and Henry of Ghent on the Composition of the Soul.” *Recherches de Théologie et Philosophie Médiévales* 89 (2): 335–392. *2022
- “Bonaventure on the Soul and Its Powers.” *Vivarium* 59 (1-2) (2021): pp. 10–32. *2021
- “Introduction: Special Issue on Powers and Essences.” *Vivarium* 59 (1-2) (2021): pp. 1–9. 2021
- “John Duns Scotus versus Thomas Aquinas on Action-Passion Identity.” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 26 (6) (2018): pp. 1027–1044. *2018
- “Aristotle and John Buridan on the Individuation of Causal Powers.” *Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy* 6 (2018): pp. 189–222. *2018
- “Peter Auriol on the Metaphysics of Efficient Causation.” *Vivarium* 55 (4) (2017): pp. 239–272. *2017
- with Jan Heylen (KU Leuven). “Zelfpredikatie: middeleeuwse en hedendagse perspectieven.” *Tijdschrift voor Filosofie* 79 (2017): pp. 239–258. *2017
- “The Blessed Virgin and the Two Time-Series: Hervaeus Natalis and Durand of St. Pourçain on Limit Decision.” *Vivarium* 55 (1–3) (2017): pp. 36–59. *2017
- “Sein, Sache, Ordnung: Thomas von Aquin über Wahrmacher und die Beziehung des Wahrmachens.” *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 99 (2) (2017): pp. 156–193. *2017
- “Mind over Matter: Aquinas’s Transformation of Aristotle’s Definition of ‘Change’.” *Archives d’Histoire Doctrinale et Littéraire du Moyen Âge* 82 (2015): pp. 45–68. *2015
- “Gregory of Rimini on the Intension and Remission of Corporeal Forms.” *Recherches de Théologie et Philosophie Médiévales* 81 (2) (2014): pp. 273–330. *2014

Book chapters, editions

- As co-editor with Nathaniel Baron-Schmitt (FU Berlin). “Two-Way Powers: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives.” Special issue of *Philosophy* (2025). *Forthcoming
- “Medieval Theories of the Soul and its Powers,” in *The Companion to Medieval Theories of Cognition*, ed. Russell Friedman and Martin Pickavé. Leuven: Leuven University Press. *Forthcoming
- As editor. “Powers and Essences,” Special issue of *Vivarium* 59 (1-2) (2021). *2021
- “Thomas Aquinas on Our Freedom to Use Our *Habitus*,” in *The Ontology, Psychology and Axiology of Habits (Habitus) in Medieval Philosophy*, ed. Magali Roques and Nicolas Faucher, pp. 167–184. Cham: Springer, 2018. *2018

Reviews

- Marilyn McCord Adams, *Housing the Powers: Medieval Debates about Dependence on God* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022). *Speculum* 99, no. 3 (2024): 859–861. 2024
- Gloria Frost, *Aquinas on Efficient Causation and Causal Powers* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*: <https://ndpr.nd.edu/reviews/aquinas-on-efficient-causation-and-causal-powers/> 2023
- Antonia Fitzpatrick, *Thomas Aquinas on Bodily Identity* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017). *Archa Verbi* 16 (2019): pp. 190–192. 2021
- with Elise Frketich (Purdue University). Terry Pinkard, *Hegel's Naturalism* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012). *Hegel Bulletin* 39 (1) (2018): pp. 162–168. 2018
- Thomas M. Osborne Jr., *Human Action in Thomas Aquinas, John Duns Scotus, and William of Ockham* (Washington DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 2014). *Tijdschrift voor Filosofie* 76 (2014): pp. 597–600. 2014

Submitted Work and Work in Progress

- “Aquinas on the Scope and Limits of the Will,” in *Cognitive and Conative Powers - Historical and Philosophical Perspectives*, ed. Stephan Schmid, Sebastian Bender, and Markus Wild. Basel: Schwabe Verlag. *Under review
- “William Crathorn on the Identity between the Soul, Its Powers, and Its Acts.” (article) *Under review
- *Latin Medieval Theories of the Soul and Its Powers (ca. 1250–1320)*. (book manuscript) In progress
- “Aquinas on Christ and the Principle of Alternate Possibilities” (article) In progress

Talks

- “Aquinas on the Scope and Limits of the Will: The Case of the Perceptual Powers.” *Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*. New York. June 4-6, 2025. 2025
- “Aquinas on the Limits of the Will.” Conference in Honor of Dominik Perler. University of Basel, March 24-26, 2025. 2025
- “William Crathorn on the Relation between a Power and Its Manifestation.” *Toronto Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*. University of Toronto, September 20-21, 2024. 2024
- “Albert the Great on the Soul as Operation.” *British Society for the History of Philosophy Conference*. University of Liverpool, April 9, 2024. 2024
- “William Crathorn on Why Cognitive Powers Are Identical to Their Acts.” *Penser autrement: Les pouvoirs de l’âme et les disciplines du savoir (XIIIe-XVIe)*. Université de Tours. October 13, 2023. 2023
- “Henry of Ghent on the Intentional Distinction between the Soul and Its Powers.” *Seminar for Ancient and Medieval Philosophy*. University of Gothenburg. Gothenburg, May 25, 2023. (invited, virtual participation) 2023

- “Henry of Ghent on the Individuation of the Possible Intellect.” *Medieval Theories of the Intellect*. Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities “Human Abilities.” Berlin, May 5, 2023. (invited) 2023
- “Introduction to Medieval Philosophical Texts on the Powers of the Soul: From Bonaventure to William of Ockham.” *Medieval Philosophy Workshop*. Purdue University. West Lafayette, March 9, 2023 (invited) 2023
- “Early Franciscan Relational Views on the Soul and Its Powers.” *Workshop on Perception and Intentionality in the Thirteenth Century*. Babeş-Bolyai University. Cluj-Napoca, October 29, 2022. (invited) 2022
- “Thomas von Aquin über Zustimmung und willentliche Passivität.” 43. *Kölner Mediaevistentagung*. Universität zu Köln. Cologne, September 7, 2022. (invited, virtual participation) 2022
- “Thomas Aquinas on Voluntary Passivity.” *The 15th International Congress of the SIEPM*. Paris, August 26, 2022. 2022
- “Crathorn on the Identity between the Soul and Its Acts.” *Causal Powers in Late Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy*. University of Stockholm. Stockholm, May 19, 2022. (invited) 2022
- with Gillian Lee. “Henry of Ghent on the Relational Character of Causal Powers.” *Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy Inaugural Conference*. University of Notre Dame. South Bend, IN, October 5, 2021. (Virtual participation) 2021
- Response to Peter King’s (University of Toronto) “Powers in the Latin Christian West.” *Book Launch: “Powers: A History,” edited by Julia Jorati (OUP 2021)*. Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities “Human Abilities.” Berlin, June 23, 2021. (Virtual participation) 2021
- “Thomas Aquinas on Dualist Mental Causation.” *Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*. June 4, 2021. (Virtual participation) 2021
- “Aquinas on Contact of Power (*tactus virtutis*).” 2020 *Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (= APA)*. Chicago, February 27, 2020. (invited) 2020
- “Bonaventure on the Soul and Its Powers.” 2020 *APA Eastern Division Meeting*. Philadelphia, January 9, 2020. (invited) 2020
- “Bonaventure on the Soul and Its Powers.” *Mind and Body: Aspects of Medieval Natural Philosophy*. University of Łódź. Łódź, June 14, 2019. (invited) 2019

- “Aquinas on Practical Judgment.” *Midwestern Medieval Philosophy Colloquium*. University of Notre Dame. South Bend, IN, April 5, 2019. 2019
- Response to Daniel Simpson’s (St. Louis University) “Supercharged Substances: Ockham on Substantial Powers.” 2019 *APA Central Division Meeting*. Denver, February 21, 2019. (invited) 2019
- “Thomas Aquinas on Human Action as a Power Exercise.” *Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*. New York City, June 7, 2018. 2018
- “Thomas Aquinas, Henry of Ghent, and Thomas of Sutton on Powers and Their Grounds.” 2018 *APA Central Division Meeting*. Chicago, February 22, 2018. (invited) 2018
- “Thomas Aquinas on the Soul’s Causation of Its Powers and Henry of Ghent’s Regress.” *The 14th International Congress of the SIEPM*. Porto Alegre, Brazil, July 28, 2017. 2017
- “John Duns Scotus on Causal Action as a *Respectus*.” *Seventh Meeting of the Sociedad de Filosofía Medieval (SOFIME)*. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Barcelona, November 14, 2016. 2016
- “Aristotle and John Buridan on the Individuation of Causal Powers.” *Grounding in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy*. University of Geneva. Geneva, July 8, 2016. 2016
- “Peter Auriol on the Metaphysics of Efficient Causation.” *Scholastic and Early Modern Accounts of Causation*. Rijksuniversiteit Groningen. Groningen, March 14, 2016. 2016
- “The Blessed Virgin and the Two Time-Series: Limit Decision in the Early Fourteenth Century (Hervaeus Natalis and Durandus of St. Pourçain).” *The Limit Decision Problem: Medieval and Contemporary Perspectives*. Humboldt-Universität, Berlin. Berlin, November 21, 2015. 2015
- Response to Chris Martin’s (University of Auckland) “Spiritual Being and the Powers of Perception.” *Powers, Perception, and Agency*. British School, Rome, September 27, 2015. 2015
- “Aquinas on Acting against One’s Habits.” *The Ontology and Deontology of Habits in Medieval Philosophy*. École Pratique des Hautes Études. Paris, October 14, 2015. 2015

Self-Raised Third-Party Funds and Awards

- *Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek*. Post-doctoral fellowship for the project: “Medieval Theories of the Powers of the Soul (ca. 1255–1315)” 2018–2021 (awarded, but declined)
- *Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek*. Post-doctoral fellowship for the project: “Powers and Causes in Thirteenth- and Fourteenth-Century Thought: The Metaphysics of Causation from Thomas Aquinas to John Buridan.” 2016–2018
- *Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek*. Aspirant Ph.D. scholarship for the project: “Human Action and Its Place in Nature: A Study of the Methodological Naturalism Underlying Thomas Aquinas’s Psychology and Metaphysics of Human Action.” 2011–2015
- *M.Phil. Scholarship*. Department of Philosophy, KU Leuven. 2010/11
- *Award for Outstanding B.A. Student* (“Preis für herausragenden Bachelorabschluss”), Department of Philosophy, Humboldt-Universität, Berlin. 2009/10

Professional Service

Refereeing

- *Journals*: American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Ergo, Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy, Noctua, Philosophical Quarterly, Recherches de Théologie et Philosophie Médiévales, Res Philosophica, Revista Española de Filosofía Medieval, Review of Metaphysics, Topoi, Vivarium.
- *Book publishers*: Cambridge University Press, Leuven University Press.

Conference Organization

- with Nathaniel Baron-Schmitt (Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities “Human Abilities,” Berlin). *Two-Way Powers: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*. Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities “Human Abilities.” Berlin, February 9, 2023. 2023
- with Russell Friedman (KU Leuven). *Theories of Causal Powers in the Thirteenth and the Fourteenth Century*. KU Leuven. Leuven, June 1–2, 2018. 2018

- with Luca Gili (University of Chieti), *The Ontology of Change in Thirteenth- and Fourteenth-Century Thought*, KU Leuven. Leuven, June 3–4, 2015.

2015

Memberships

- Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy
- Société Internationale pour l'Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale

Languages

- German (native language)
- English (fluent)
- Dutch (CEFR C1²)
- French (CEFR C1)
- Latin (advanced reading proficiency)
- Classical Greek (intermediate reading proficiency, but rusty)
- Classical Arabic (intermediate reading proficiency, but rusty)
- Spanish (intermediate reading proficiency)
- Italian (intermediate reading proficiency)

² The level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is defined as “effective operational proficiency.” It is one level below the highest level, which is defined as “mastery.” For more details, see <https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/level-descriptions>.