

John Meinert

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Education

- 2010-2015 : Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. GPA: 4.00
Ph.D. in Moral Theology/Ethics, *Summa cum laude*
Allied Field (Minor): Philosophy (official), Patristics (unofficial)
Language Requirements: Latin, German, French
Comprehensive Examination Topics:
Dissertation: Grace and freedom in Aquinas, *Instinctus* and the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Aquinas
Moral Theology/Ethics: Cooperation and appropriation in the use of fetal cell lines, MacIntyre and relativism, deification in Origen, Nyssa, Augustine, Aquinas, and Palamas, Aquinas and punishment, homosexuality and Roman Catholicism, intention and object, moral dilemmas
Philosophy: The multiplicity of the divine ideas, God's general concurrence with secondary causes, beauty's transcendental status
Dissertation: *Donum Habituale*: Grace and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in St. Thomas Aquinas
Director: Dr. William Mattison III. Readers: Fr. Thomas Joseph White, O.P., and Dr. John Grabowski
Passed with Distinction
- 2008-2010: University of Dallas, Irving, TX GPA: 4.00
Master of Arts in Theology, *Summa cum laude*
Comps passed with Distinction
Language Requirement: Attic Greek
Thesis: St. Thomas and Instrumental Creation
Directed by Dr. Christopher Malloy, First Reader: Dr. Ronnie Rombs
- 2005-2008: Benedictine College, Atchison, KS GPA: 3.98
Bachelor of Arts in Theology, *Summa cum laude*
Language Requirement: Classical Latin

Published Papers

- "Alimentum Pacis: Peace and the Eucharist in Aquinas," forthcoming in *Nova et Vetera (English Edition)*.
- "Ne Deficiat Fides Tua: A Systematic Position on Perseverance in the Mature Augustine," *Augustinian Studies* 45/1 (2014): 69-85.
- "In Duobus Modis: Is Exemplar Causality Instrumental According to Aquinas?" in *New Blackfriars*, Vol. 95, Issue 1055 (2014): 57-70.
- "The Ambivalence of Functional Pro-Life Arguments," in *The Crosier* vol. 3, issue 1 (2013).

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Books

- "Life in Jesus Christ," (Verbum, 2015). This text is an introduction to moral theology for high school students.
- In Progress - "Donum Habituale: the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and Grace in St. Thomas Aquinas," revision of dissertation for wider readership and style.

Book Reviews

- Meyers, Robin. *Spiritual Defiance*. In *Choice* (August, 2015)

Invited Lectures

- "Dignity and Catholic bioethics," May 13th, 2015 at the Capital Area Catholic Medical Guild, Baton Rouge, LA
- "Catholic Bioethical Principles for Death and Dying," November 6th, 2014 and April 16th, 2015 at Our Lady of the Lake College - BSN elective on Palliative Care
- "God's Fool: the Life of St. Francis of Assisi" - October 1st at Our Lady of the Lake College's Franciscan Week

Conference Papers

- "The Infused Virtue of Perseverance: A Test Case for the Nature/Grace Debate" Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference at Villanova (Fall 2015)
- "Pagan Virtue in Origen of Alexandria," Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference at Villanova (Fall 2014)
- "The Divine Ideas, Virtue, and God's Exemplarity," The Medieval Conference at Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Michigan (Spring 2014)
- "Peace, the Transcendentals, and Evangelization," 3rd Annual Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization, Atchison, Kansas (Spring 2014)
- "*Alimentum Pacis*: The Eucharist and Peace in Aquinas," New Wine New Wineskins Conference, Notre Dame University (Summer 2013)
- "*Augustinus Ambifarius*: Augustine on Perseverance," Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University (Fall 2012)
- "Are the Saints Stoics? Aquinas on the Sufficiency of Supernatural Virtue." First Annual Graduate Student Conference, University of Dayton (Fall 2012)
- "*Perversa Imitatio Christi*: Augustine and Imitation's Moral Ambivalence" North American Patristics Conference (Spring 2012).
- "*Donum Habituale*: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit and Grace in Aquinas." PMR Villanova (Fall 2011).
- "The Pedagogue and High Priest: 'Ο Λόγος and Origen's Soteriology." North American Patristics Conference (Spring 2010).

Languages

- Latin - reading - Currently translating John of St. Thomas' *de Fide*.
- Attic Greek - reading - currently reading: Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*
- German - reading/speaking - reading: Ulrich Horst - *Die Gaben des Heiligen Geistes*

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- French – reading – currently reading: J.-H. Nicolas, O.P. *Les Profondeurs de la Grace*

Research Interests

- Historical: Patristic and Medieval Ethics, Metaphysics, and Christology, specifically pertaining to Origen, Augustine, and Aquinas
- Systematic: Fundamental Moral Theology, Virtue Theory, Bioethics, Punishment in Aquinas, Grace, Theological Anthropology, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and Christ's Relation to Moral Theology
- Philosophical: Metaphysics and Natural Theology

Teaching/Committee Experience

- Our Lady of the Lake College, Baton Rouge, LA Aug 14-
 - Assistant Professor –
 - Teaching – Introduction to Theology, Christology, Science and Christianity, and Catholic Social Thought
 - Service –
 - Institutional Review Board – the IRB evaluates research involving human subjects to ensure minimal risk.
 - Office of Feasibility Catholic Identity Reviewer – I review research proposals for their consonance with the mission of Our Lady of the Lake College.
 - President's Cabinet Nomination to the Research Council
 - Collaborate in the building of a comprehensive undergraduate major in Catholic theology, which includes learning outcomes (courses and program) and teaching methodology.
- Benedictine College, Atchison, KS Aug 13-May 14
 - Part-time Lecturer – Fall 2013 - two sections of introduction to Theology, which covers the topics of fundamental theology, creation, salvation history, Jesus Christ, Ecclesiology, Sacramental Theology, Christian Moral Life, and Eschatology. Spring 2014 – two sections of Introduction to Moral Theology.
- The Catholic University of America, Washington D.C. May 13-Aug 13
 - Graduate Student Association's Treasurer (elected)
 - As GSA treasurer, I collected, maintained, and distributed all GSA funds (~257,000), maintained the financial records of the GSA, submitted necessary financial records at all regular meetings of the Senate, assumed the responsibilities of the President and Vice President if both are absent, and oversaw purchase requests made by all committee chairs
- Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. Aug 12 – Aug 13
 - Professorial Lecturer

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- The Problem of God – design and teach a three credit course covering faith and reason, the existence of God, the attributes of God, knowing and naming God, God’s compatibility with evil, God’s relation to moral goodness, and religious pluralism. The syllabus is available upon request.
- The Catholic University of America, Washington D.C. Jan 13-July 13
 - Teaching Fellow – Spring and First Summer Session
 - Spring Class: Character, Choice and Community – introduction to Catholic moral theology. The syllabus is available upon request.
 - Online Summer Class: Character, Choice, and Community - introduction to Catholic moral theology. The syllabus is available upon request.
- The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Aug 12 - May 13
 - Research Assistant for Dr. Joseph Capizzi
 - Aid professor with research (Just War and Distributism)
- Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Aug 12- May 13
 - Graduate Student Association’s Lecture Coordinator
 - This position requires the acceptance and organization of all applications to fund graduate initiated lectures on campus. As head of the lectures committee, I manage a 20,000 dollar budget, organize the process of applications and awards, accept all applications, deliberate with the committee over approval and funding amount, and aid students in executing the lecture (travel, room, reception, and advertising).
- The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Aug 10-May 12
 - Teaching Assistant
 - Enduring Questions in Catholic Theology – Assisted professor by taking attendance, grading, and leading independent discussion section on Fridays, which included both teaching and discussion.
 - Character, Choice and Community (twice) – Assisted professor by taking attendance, grading, preparing daily quiz questions, preparing quarterly test questions, and offering guest lectures.
 - World Religions – Assisted professor by taking attendance, grading, and offering a guest lecture.

Teaching Certifications/Training

- Online Teaching Certification (Blackboard)- the Catholic University of America – Spring 2013
- Faculty Educational Technology Certification – Our Lady of the Lake College (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)
 - Moodle Certification
 - Significant Learning – Active Teaching Methods
 - Google Chrome Classroom Certificate through the Sophia Institute

Media Appearances

- The Catholic University of America Student Success Stories. July 24, 2015

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- Interview on mobilizing soup kitchen volunteers and rural poverty, St. Joseph News-Press, Feb. 5, 2007

Honors & Award

- President's List: Spring 06 – Spring 08, Benedictine College
- Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility Volunteer of the Year 2007
- Sr. Sylvester Schmitt Scholarship, Benedictine College
- BA Theology – *Summa cum laude*
- Scholarship Award, University of Dallas
- President's List: Fall 08-Spring 09, University of Dallas
- M.A. written and oral comps, passed with distinction
- M.A. Theology – *Summa cum laude*
- Full tuition scholarship and graduate teaching assistantship: Catholic University of America
- Certificate of Excellence – The Catholic University of America Graduate Student Association
- FYE Fellowship – Catholic University of America (Awarded but declined)
- Hubbard Dissertation Fellowship – The Catholic University of America
- Dissertation Defense – Passed with Distinction
- Ph.D. Theology – *Summa cum laude*

Memberships

- North American Patristics Society - 2010, 2012
- American Academy of Religion - 2013
- Baton Rouge Bioethics Association - 2015-
- Capital Area Catholic Medical Guild - 2015-

References

- References available upon request