

Bruce McCuskey

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

University of Notre Dame: PhD Program in Philosophy

Entry Date: 2025

University of Notre Dame: Master of Medieval Studies

2024

Duke Divinity School: Master of Divinity, *Summa Cum Laude*

2019

Thesis: “Leontius of Byzantium’s Reception of Aristotelian Categories in the Context of Late NeoPlatonic Commentaries on the *Categories*” (Advisors: Christopher Beeley and J. Warren Smith)

Washington and Lee University: B.A. History with Highest Honors, Philosophy, and Classics, *Summa Cum Laude*

2016

Honors Thesis in History: “Jerome’s “Jewish” Asceticism: The Influence of the Targum of Qohelet on Jerome’s Commentary on Ecclesiastes,” awarded Highest Honors (Advisor: Alexandra Brown)

Senior Philosophy Thesis: “Philosophy and Politics in the Thought of Alasdair MacIntyre”

Additional Education

City University of New York, Graduate Center
Summer Greek Institute

June-August 2014

Winter School in Paleography and Codicology, Rome

January 2023

Text Editing Workshop, London International Paleography School

June 2025

Middlebury Modern Hebrew Summer School
Middlebury College

June-August 2025

Employment

Adjunct Professor of Theology, Duke Divinity School

Courses Taught:

- ❖ CH750: Introduction to Church History (Fall Term 2020)
- ❖ XTIANETH757: Introduction to Christian Ethics (Winter Terms 2021, 2022)
- ❖ HISTOTHEO833: The Virtues in Patristic Thought (Winter Term 2021)
- ❖ OT760: Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I (Fall Term 2021)
- ❖ OT761: Introduction to Biblical Hebrew II (Winter Term 2022)

Academic and Professional Service

Teaching Assistant for Professor Stephen Dumont

PHIL-30301 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Fall 2023

PHIL-20801 Philosophy of Religion, Spring 2024

Medieval Institute Graduate Representative

2024-2025 Academic Year

Honors and Awards

2025 Nanovic Summer Research and Travel Grant (\$3100)

2025 De Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Research and Travel Grant (\$4000)

2024-2025 Gabriel Fellowship (Competitive Grant for One Year of Full Funding for Additional Coursework in the Medieval Institute)

2024 Nanovic Summer Research and Travel Grant (\$2900)

2023 Summer Language Institute Grant (\$3300)

2023 De Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Conference Travel Grant (\$700)

2023 Nanovic Institute Conference Travel Grant (\$600)

2022 Dean's Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (\$31,000 Per Year of Funding)

2022 Solomon Fellow, University of Notre Dame, De Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture (\$5,000 Per Year of Funding)

2018 Conference Travel Grant, Duke Divinity School

2016-2019 University Scholar (Research Fellowship for Duke Graduate Students Focused on Interdisciplinary Topics)
2016-2019 Lela H. Coltrane Scholarship (Living Stipend Duke Graduate Students in Theology)
2016 John Preston Moore III Prize in History for Best Honors Thesis
2016 William A. Jenks Award in History
2016 Christopher Merrill Main '94 Award in History
2016 Andrew Young Award for Best Philosophy Research Paper for "Kant, Aquinas, and the Dependency Thesis"
2016 J.J. White Scholarship Award for Excellence in Greek Translation
2016 Classics Department Award for Highest Achievement in Latin
2016 Robinson Award for Highest Achievement in Languages by a Graduating Senior (University-Wide Award)
2014 Floyd L. Moreland Scholar (Tuition Grant for Summer Greek Institute)
2013 Pamela H. Simpson Scholarship
2013 English Speaking Union Scholarship
2012-2016 J. Edward Lewis Scholar (Full-Tuition Scholarship, Washington and Lee University)

Publications

"Towards a Historicist Thomism: MacIntyre's Tradition-Based Rationality and its Criterion of Truth and Falsity" *Politics and Poetics*, Vol. 4, no. 4 (December 2018): 136-165

"The Christological Prudence of the Natural Slave: Prudence and Slavery in Aquinas's Commentaries on Scripture and on Aristotle" *New Blackfriars*, 101, no. 1091 (January 2020): 67-84.

"The Platonic Roots of Aquinas's Account of Divine Infinity" in *The Handbook of the Reception of Platonism in the Middle Ages*, eds. Eva Anagnostou and Giorgios Steiris, (Leiden/Berlin: Brill-DeGruyter, 2026). FORTHCOMING

"Flavius Mithridates's Latin Translation of an Anonymous Sefer Yeşirah Commentary in Vat.ebr.191: A Hitherto Unidentified Work of Kabbalistic Prophetology" in *The Kabbalah in Vatican Manuscripts: A Crossroads of Jewish and Christian Intellectual Traditions (Vatican Library Review Supplements Series)*, eds. Avishai Bar-Asher, Jeremy Phillip Brown, and Levana Chajes, (Vatican City: Vatican Library Review, 2026)

Conference Presentations

“The Nature of Theological Language in Marsilio Ficino’s *Commentary* on the *Corpus Dionysiacum*”
Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference,
San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 9th-11th, 2023

“Pompanazzi’s Criticism of Aquinas’s Arguments for the Soul’s Incorruptibility”
Thomistic Philosophy Mini-Conference, International Conference of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo,
MI, May 13th, 2023

“Aquinas, the NeoPlatonic One, and the Variety of Medieval Platonisms”
Medieval Philosophy Mini-Conference, Saint Louis University Medieval and Renaissance Studies
Conference, June 12th-16th, 2023

“Pompanazzi, Aquinas, and the Unity of Substantial Form”
Sacra Doctrina Project Panel, American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Conference,
Houston, TX, November 18th, 2023

“Ficino’s Thomistic Defense of Pseudo-Olympiodorus”
Aquinas in the Renaissance Panel, American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Conference,
Houston, TX, November 19th, 2023

“Tradition, Re-Appropriation, and Polemic in Isaac Abravanel’s Commentary on Isaiah 53”
Panel: Isaiah 53 as a Site of Contested Exegesis, Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, San
Francisco, CA, December 17th, 2023

"Flavius Mithridates's Translations of *Sefer Yeşirah* Commentaries and their Influence on Pico della
Mirandola: The Evidence of Vat.Ebr.191" Panel: Marsilio Ficino and Mediterranean Philosophies: The
Legacy of Michael J. B. Allen, Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference
Chicago, March 21, 2024

“Elements of Language and Nature in the *Sefer Yeşirah* Tradition”
PHYSIS: Elements of Nature, Elements of Reasoning
Notre Dame Rome: Global Gateway, June 20th, 2024

“Albert and Aquinas on the Problem of Natural Knowledge of God”

Aquinas at 800 Conference

Notre Dame, IN, September 23rd, 2024

“Albert and Aquinas on the Problem of Natural Knowledge of God”

American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Conference

Chicago, IL, November 16th, 2024

“Flavius Mithridates’s Translation of an Anonymous *Sefer Yeşirah* Commentary”

Rome Kabbalah Symposium

Rome, May 21st, 2025

“Ficino’s Proclean Critique of Paul of Venice”

International Society for NeoPlatonic Studies Conference

Athens, June 20th, 2025

Affiliations

Phi Beta Kappa Society

Medieval Academy of America

American Catholic Philosophical Association

Association for Jewish Studies

Languages

Greek (Attic, Ionic, Koine, and Medieval Byzantine Dialects; advanced reading knowledge)

Latin (Classical and Medieval Dialects; advanced reading knowledge)

Biblical and Rabbinic Hebrew (advanced reading knowledge)

Italian (intermediate reading capacity)

Modern Hebrew (intermediate reading and speaking capacity)

References

Dr. Denis J.-J. Robichaud

John and Patrice Kelly Associate Professor of Liberal Studies

Concurrent Associate Professor Philosophy; Medieval Institute; Romance Languages and Literatures;
Italian Studies

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