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EDUCATION

- BS** Yale University, Physics and Philosophy May 2021
GPA: 3.9
- Graduated Cum Laude
 - Philosophy Thesis: “Hylomorphism in Intentional Action,” supervised by Paul Franks
 - Physics Thesis: “Retrocausality in Quantum Mechanics,” supervised by Michel Devoret

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Distinction in Major** 2021
- Narrative Recommendation** 2018
Intermediate Italian Summer Program
- Narrative Recommendation** 2020
Mathematical Logic (Phil 267)
- Narrative Recommendation** 2020
New Map of the World: Vico (Ital 700)
- Narrative Recommendation** 2020
Modern Physical Measurement (Phys 206L)

FELLOWSHIPS

- Hudson Institute Political Studies Program**, Hudson Institute, Washington, D.C. 2021
- Received a fully funded, highly competitive fellowship to study policy and political theory.
 - Researched and composed weekly papers, presenting them during seminars led by professors from across the U.S.
 - Crafted policy strategies during workshops on topics ranging from constitutional law to foreign relations.
 - Dialogued with distinguished leaders in government and academia.
- Civitas Dei Summer Fellowship**, Washington, D.C. 2020
- Examined the role of faith and reason in the state through the lenses of modern constitutional jurisprudence and ancient and medieval thought.

- Contributed to seminar discussions led by prominent figures in religion, politics, and law.

Honors Program, Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Seattle, WA 2019

- Selected for a competitive week-long political philosophy program.
- Engaged in lectures and seminars and dialogued personally with leading figures in philosophy, political theory, and other academic disciplines.

SELECTED EXTRACURRICULAR SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

Political Philosophy:

- *Religion and Politics Summer Course* (Bryan Garsten), Hertog Foundation, 2020

Theology:

- *Grace* (Adam Eitel, Yale Divinity School, and Andrew Hofer, O.P., Dominican House of Studies), Thomistic Institute Intellectual Retreat 2022
- *Chance and Indeterminacy in the Natural World*, Thomistic Philosophy and Natural Sciences Symposium 2021
- *On the Separated Soul* (Therese Cory, University of Notre Dame), Thomistic Institute Summa Reading Group 2021
- *Aquinas' Commentary on the Letter to the Hebrews* (Richard Ounsworth, O.P., Blackfriars, Oxford), Thomistic Institute Summa Reading Group 2020
- *The Last Things: Death Judgment, Heaven, and Hell* (Simon Gaine, O.P., Blackfriars, Oxford), Thomistic Institute Summa Reading Group 2020
- *Neuroscience and the Soul*, Thomistic Circles Conference 2020

Philosophy:

- Prometheus Undergraduate Philosophy Conference 2020

ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP

Federalist Part of the Yale Political Union, New Haven, CT 2020

Chairman

- Guided debates and maintained order according to Robert's Rules.
- Represented the Party to the broader Yale Political Union.
- Adapted traditional activities to the pandemic environment.
- Coordinated many safe social activities; these received universally positive feedback.

Thomistic Institute Yale Undergraduate Chapter, New Haven, CT 2018–2019

President

- Planned three theology lectures each semester for members of the Yale community.
- Collaborated with lecture speakers and with leaders of the national Thomistic Institute based in Washington, D.C.
- Organized weekly reading group meetings to discuss Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologiae*.
- Doubled attendance at lectures and reading group meetings from the previous semester through advertising, proposing new topics for lectures, and reworking the format of reading groups.

Vita et Veritas Conference, New Haven, CT

2018

Speaker Coordinator

- Selected, invited, and corresponded with speakers from across the country to come to the annual conference, which attracts students from schools across the Northeast and beyond.
- Organized travel and reimbursements for speakers.
- Attendees found the talks 37% more interesting, engaging, and informative compared to the previous year.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Knights of Columbus, Brand Management Specialist, New Haven, CT 2021–present

- Collaborate with intellectual property lawyers to register and renew trademarks.
- Aggressively enforce trademark rights and ensure that the brand is used correctly and effectively.
- Plan and administer a committee meeting once per month on issues related to the organization's brand.
- Analyze appeals of local decisions and submit recommendations to the General Counsel and the Board of Directors.
- Prepare license agreements between the Knights of Columbus and third parties.
- Work closely with resident lawyers to address diverse legal problems concerning both Knights of Columbus law and United States law and compose memoranda regarding these issues.

Silliman College of Yale University, College Aide, New Haven, CT 2018–2020

- Ensured the success of college programs and initiatives through planning, organization, and execution.
- Assisted in the establishment a coffee shop and mental health center in the college.

Catholic Charities of San Antonio, Refugee Resettlement Intern, San Antonio, TX 2019

- Gathered donations of food and furniture from around San Antonio, delivered them to refugee families.
- Helped refugee families receive welfare benefits by filing the necessary forms on their behalf.
- Edited official case reports.
- Learned basic Swahili in order to communicate with the many Congolese refugees.

PUBLICATIONS

“A Contra Dance Parable,” The Yale Logos, March 23, 2021,
<https://www.yalelogos.com/home/contra-dance-parable>.

“Three Visions of an Ideal World: Kant against Rival Idealisms,” Prometheus Undergraduate Philosophy Journal, 2020 issue, pp. 21–27.

“Dante and Desire,” The Yale Logos, February 2, 2020,
<https://www.yalelogos.com/home/dante-and-desire>.

“What’s the Point?” Yale Daily News, October 27, 2019.

“To Blandclaw, a Letter from Screwtape,” The Yale Logos, Spring 2019 issue

“True Pleasure,” The Yale Logos, Fall 2018 issue, pp. 30–33.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Paper Presentation, “Three Visions of an Ideal World: Kant against Rival Idealisms,” Prometheus Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, May 2020.

LANGUAGES

English: Native Language

Italian: Advanced Listener, Proficient Speaker, Proficient Reading and Writing

French: Intermediate Listener, Novice Speaker, Intermediate Reading and Writing

Latin: Novice Reading and Writing

Ancient Greek: Novice Reading and Writing

COMPUTER SKILLS

Programming: Python, LaTeX, Mathematica

Applications: Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Photoshop

REFERENCES

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