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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Medieval Philosophy

## AREA OF COMPETENCE

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Bioethics, Philosophy of Law, Free Will

## EDUCATION

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- Expected in 2020 Ph.D., Philosophy, Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto  
Thesis: “John Duns Scotus on Cognitive Acts: Their Causes, Ontological Nature, and Intentional Character”  
Committee: Martin Pickavé (supervisor), Peter King, Deborah Black
- 2013 M.A., Medieval Studies, Scuola Superiore di Studi Medievali e Francescani (Rome, Italy)
- 2009 M.A., Theology, Pontifical University Antonianum (Rome, Italy)
- 2007 B.A., Pontifical University Antonianum (Rome, Italy)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Articles (\* = peer reviewed)

- Accepted “Duns Scotus on Categorizing Cognitive Acts and the Anonymous Opponent of *Quodlibet* q. 13”, in “John Duns Scotus’s Interlocutors at the University of Paris,” ed. Wouter Goris *et al.*\*
- 2014 “Giovanni Duns Scoto e l’intrinseca razionalità del volere divino” [John Duns Scotus on the Intrinsic Rationality of the Divine Will], *Fides Quaerens* 5 (2014): 87–147.

- 2013 “John Duns Scotus on God’s Will: Orderly and Most Reasonable,” *Thaumazein: Revista on-line semestral do Curso de Filosofia* 11 (2013): 1–24.
- 2012 “La passione di Cristo nel pensiero del B. Giovanni Duns Scoto” [The Passion of Christ in the Thought of John Duns Scotus], *Antonianum* 87 (2012): 182–215.\*
- 2010 “La teologia pratica di Guglielmo di Nottingham” [The Practical Theology of William of Nottingham], *Studia Antyczne I Mediewistyczne [Ancient and Medieval Studies]* 8 (2010): 169–188.\*
- 2010 “Teologia come scienza pratica in Guglielmo di Nottingham: Edizione critica e analisi teologica della ‘Quaestio’ V del prologus in I Sententiarum” [Theology as a Practical Science according to William of Nottingham: Critical Edition and Theological Study of Question 5 of his Prologue to the First Book of the *Sentences*], *Archivium Historicum Franciscanum* 102 (2010): 3–40.\*

**Books** (\* = co-edited)

- In press *Indices Ordinationis et Lecturae B. Ioannis Duns Scoti* (Opera Omnia 15.2). Vatican City. Co-editors: B. Hechich, I. Percan, S. R. De Loizaga, V. Salamon, S. Recchia.\*
- 2016 *Indices Ordinationis et Lecturae B. Ioannis Duns Scoti* (Opera Omnia 15.1). Vatican City, 2016. Co-editors: B. Hechich, I. Percan, S. R. De Loizaga, V. Salamon, S. Recchia.\*
- 2013 Ioannis Duns Scoti. *Ordinatio* IV. Dist. 43–49 (*Opera Omnia* 14). Vatican City, 2013. Co-editors: B. Hechich, I. Percan, S. R. De Loizaga, V. Salamon, S. Recchia.\*
- 2011 Ioannis Duns Scoti. *Ordinatio* IV. Dist. 14–42 (*Opera Omnia* 13). Vatican City, 2011. Co-editors: B. Hechich, I. Percan, S. R. De Loizaga, V. Salamon.\*
- 2010 *Il Beato Giovanni Duns Scoto, Dottore dell’Immacolata*. Turin: Velar-Elledici, 2010.
- 2010 Ioannis Duns Scoti. *Ordinatio* IV. Dist. 8–13 (*Opera Omnia* 12). Vatican City, 2010. Co-editors: B. Hechich, I. Percan, S. R. de Loizaga, V. Salamon.\*
- 2008 Ioannis Duns Scoti. *Ordinatio* IV. Dist. 1–7 (*Opera Omnia* 11) Vatican City, 2008. Co-editors: B. Hechich, B. Huculak, I. Percan, S. R. De Loizaga, V. Salamon.\*

**Book reviews**

- 2019 *The Theology of John Duns Scotus*, by Antonie Vos (Studies in Reformed Theology - 34) (Leiden: Brill, 2018). Reviewed in *Journal of Reformed Theology* 13 (2019): 332-333.
- 2019 *La teoria modale di Giovanni Duns Scoto: Il caso della relazione tra creatura e creatore e la condizione di beatitudine; Italiano-Latino*, edited and translated by Ernesto Dezza (Studia Antoniana 56) (Rome: Antonianum, 2018). Reviewed in *Archivium Historicum Franciscanum* 112 (2019): 378–381.
- 2018 *John Duns Scotus: On Being and Cognition; Ordinatio 1.3*, edited and translated by John van den Bercken (Medieval Philosophy, Texts and Studies) (New York: Fordham University Press, 2016). Reviewed in *Antonianum* 82 (2018): 864–867.
- 2018 *Iohannis Duns Scoti Collationes Oxonienses*, edited by Marina Fedeli and Guido Alliney (Testi e studi per il Corpus philosophorum Medii Aevi 24) (Florence: SISMEL-Edizioni del Galluzzo, 2016). Reviewed in *Archivium Historicum Franciscanum* 111 (2018): 261–264.
- 2013 *Johannes Duns Scotus: Freiheit, Tugenden und Naturgeset; Lateinish-Deutsch*, edited and translated by Tobias Hoffmann (Freiburg: Herder, 2012). Reviewed in *Archivium Historicum Franciscanum* 106 (2013): 300–301.
- 2010 *Raimondo Lullo e la sua arte: Saggi di lettura*, by Frances Amelia Yates, edited and translated by S. Muzzi (Medioevo 18 – Centro Italiano di Lullismo 3) (Rome: Antonianum, 2009). Reviewed in *Frate Francesco* 76 (2010): 333–335.
- 2009 *Per conoscere Giovanni Duns Scoto: Introduzione al pensiero filosofico-teologico*, by Josè Antonio Merino (S. Maria degli Angeli: Porziuncola, 2009). Reviewed in *Frate Francesco* 75 (2009): 653–654.
- 2008 *Il microcosmo Lulliano*, by Roberto D. F. Pring-Mill (Rome: Antonianum, 2007). Reviewed in *Fides Catholica* 3, no. 1 (2008): 333–335.
- 2007 *Francesco di Meyronnes: Libertà e contingenza nel pensiero tardo-medievale*, by Francesco Fiorentino (Rome: Antonianum, 2006). Reviewed in *Antonianum* 82 (2007): 586–587.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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### **Articles** (\* = peer reviewed)

- Invited to resubmit “The *Summa de esse et essentia* by John Peckham: A Critical Edition,” to appear in *Recherches de Théologie et Philosophie Médiévales*.
- In preparation “John Duns Scotus against Peter John Olivi’s Activist View of the Intellective Power,” in *Colloque international: Pierre de Jean Olivi (1248–1298); La construction de la*

*personne humaine, anthropologie, éthique, société, 4–6 October 2018, Collectio Oliviana, Grottaferrata: Collegio San Bonaventura.\**

In preparation “John Baconthorpe on God’s Knowledge of the Reality: an Interpretation of Averroes”.  
Journal article.

## **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS**

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- 2013–18 University of Toronto Fellowship (x5), University of Toronto
- 2013–15 St. Joan Graduate Award in the Centre for Medieval Studies (x2), University of Toronto
- 2010–11 Graduate Award, Pontifical University Antonianum (Rome, Italy)

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (\* = invited)**

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- 2019 “Lording over the Flies: John Duns Scotus on the Freedom of the Intellect from the Material World,” International Medieval Congress Leeds, 1–4 July 2019, University of Leeds, Leeds.
- 2019 “Duns Scotus’s *Quodlibet* and the Anonymous Opponent of Question 13: A Mystery (Perhaps) Solved.” Conference on John Duns Scotus’s Interlocutors at the University of Paris, 4–5 April 2019, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn.\*
- 2018 “Scotus’ Criticism of Peter John Olivi’s Conception of the Intellect as Total Cause of the Cognitive Act,” Colloque international: Pierre de Jean Olivi (1248–1298); La construction de la personne humaine, anthropologie, éthique, société, 4–6 October 2018, Rome.
- 2018 “Touching the World: John Duns Scotus on the Intentional Relation between Mind and Reality,” 24th World Congress of Philosophy, 13–20 August 2018, Peking University, Beijing.
- 2018 “John Baconthorpe on God’s Knowledge of the Reality: An Interpretation of Averroes,” Canadian Philosophical Association 2018, 4–7 June 2018, Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Montreal.
- 2018 “John Baconthorpe on God’s Knowledge of the Reality: An Interpretation of Averroes,” American Philosophical Association 2018, Central Division Meeting, 21–24 February 2018, Chicago.

- 2017 “Getting at Reality: John Duns Scotus on Mind and the World,” Toronto Colloquium in Mediaeval Philosophy, 22–23 September 2017, University of Toronto, Toronto.\*
- 2015 “John Baconthorpe on the Divine Knowledge of Individual Things: An Averroistic Approach,” Toronto-Cologne Graduate Student Colloquium, 19–21 November 2015, University of Cologne, Cologne.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Lecturer**

University of Toronto

PHL 113 H5S: Introduction to Philosophy: Persons and Value (Scheduled Summer 2020)

### **Adjunct Professor**

St. Augustine Seminary – St. Michael College in the University of Toronto

SAT2706H: Introduction to Metaphysics (Winter 2020)

SAT1711H: Introduction to Thomas Aquinas (Online - Summer 2018)

### **Teaching assistant** (= Leading tutorials and grading)

University of Toronto

PHL 221- Philosophy at the Movies (Summer 2020)

PHL275F: Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2019)

PHL 281H: Bioethics (Winter 2018)

PHLA10H3: Reason and Truth: Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2017)

PHL271H1: Law and Morality (Fall 2016)

PHL281H: Bioethics (Winter 2016)

PHLB09H3: Biomedical Ethics (Fall 2015)

PHLB09H3: Biomedical Ethics (Winter 2015)

PHL205: Early Medieval Philosophy (Fall 2014)

PHL206: Late Medieval Philosophy (Winter 2014)

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- 2018 Research Assistant to Martin Pickavé (University of Toronto)



2016– American Philosophical Association  
present  
2017– Canadian Philosophical Association  
present  
2006– Commissio Scotistica Internationalis for the critical edition of John Duns Scotus’s works,  
present Antonianum Pontifical University (Rome, Italy)

## REFERENCES

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