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Jeff Steele

**education**

Ph.D., Philosophy.

Dissertation: *John Duns Scotus’s Metaphysics of Goodness*

Dissertation Advisor: Thomas Williams.

University of South Florida (2015), Tampa, FL.

M.A., Philosophy of Religion and Ethics

Talbot School of Philosophy, Biola University (2010), La Mirada, CA.

**Areas of Specialty**

AOS: Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

AOC: Ethics (History, Normative, Business, Christian), Ancient Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy

**Publications:**

“Complexity without Composition: John Duns Scotus on Divine Simplicity.” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 93-4 (2019). Coauthored with Thomas Williams.

“Happiness.” *The Cambridge Companion to Medieval Ethics*. Cambridge University Press, 2019.

“Duns Scotus, the Natural Law, and the Irrelevance of Aesthetic Explanation.”

*Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy* 4(2016), 78-99.

“The Prospects of a Naturalist Theory of Goodness: A Neo-Aristotelian Approach.”

*Florida Philosophical Review* 13 (2013), 29-39.

**Grants**

John and Judy Paul Summer Research Grant

The Institute for Saint Anselm Studies, Saint Anselm College

For research on Anselm’s account of individuating persons

2019

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Scholarly Editions and Translations Grant.

For *John Duns Scotus: Readings in Ethics*.

With Thomas Williams.

2014-2016.

Editorial Associate

**Works in Progress**

“Anselm’s Boethian Account of Individuating Persons: Human and Divine.”

“Conceiving the Incomprehensible God: Anselm and Scotus on Univocity and Analogy”

“The Convertibility of Being and Good in the Transcendental thought of Philip the

Chancellor, Albert the Great, Thomas Aquinas, and John Duns Scotus.”

“The Stringent Demands of Reason: John Duns Scotus on Right Reason, Moral Badness,

and Moral Indifference.”

“John Duns Scotus’s Denial that Beauty is Transcendental.”

**ACADEMIC Experience**

Academic-Year Lecturer, Philosophy

Santa Clara University. Santa Clara, CA.

2016 – Present

Teaching Instructor

University of South Florida. Tampa, FL.

2016

Graduate Teaching Associate

University of South Florida. Tampa, FL.

2010 – 2015

Graduate Research Assistant

University of South Florida. Tampa, FL

2012 – 2015

Research Assistant in medieval philosophy for Thomas Williams and Christina Van Dyke

**Courses Taught**

**Santa Clara University**:

Culture and Ideas II: Community: Social and Political Philosophy (Spring 2021 (x2), Spring 2020 (x2), Spring 2019 (x2), Spring 2018 (x2), Winter 2016 (x2)).

Medieval Philosophy: Augustine (Winter 2020)

Culture and Ideas I: Identity: Conceptions of Personhood (Winter 2021(x2), Winter 2020 (x2), Winter 2018 (x2), Fall 2016 (x2)).

Business Ethics (Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018 (x2), Fall 2017 (x2), Spring 2017 (x3), Winter 2017)

Faith and Reason (Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2017)

Philosophy of Religion: Perfect Being Theism and the Problem of Evil (Spring, 2019)

Ethics in Society (Fall 2019)

**University of South Florida:**

Critical Thinking (Spring 2016)

Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2016, Spring 2011).

Philosophy of Religion (Spring, 2013).

Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2012, Spring 2012, Fall 2011).

Medieval Philosophy (TA, Fall 2012)

Early Modern Philosophy (TA, Fall 2010)

Symbolic Logic (TA Spring, 2010)

**Service to the Profession**

Refereeing:

*TheoLogica* (2018)

*Philosophia Christi* (2016)

Conference Organizer:

Society of Christian Philosophers

“Theistic Metaphysics and Naturalism” (2013)

University of South Florida

**Invited Talks**

“Conceiving the Incomprehensible God: Anselm and Scotus on Univocity and Analogy.”

Institute of Saint Anselm Studies, in conjunction with American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting. November, 2021.

“Backcountry Virtues: A Guide to Flourishing in the Mountains.”

Into The Wild Club, Santa Clara University. October 21, 2020.

**Conference presentations**

“The Convertibility of Being and Good in the Transcendental thought of Philip the Chancellor, Albert the Great, Thomas Aquinas, and John Duns Scotus.”

UNUM, VERUM, BONUM: International Colloquium on Medieval Philosophy.

University of Lisbon, Portugal. April 3-6, 2013.

“The Prospects of a Naturalist Theory of Goodness: A Neo-Aristotelian Approach.”

Florida Philosophical Association.

Orlando, Florida.

November, 2012.

“The Compatibility of Augustine’s Formal Account of *Eudaimonia* with his Neoplatonic Metaphysics of Goodness.”

Southeast Philosophy Conference.

Clayton State University.

February, 2012.

“Scotus and Aquinas on Will, Freedom, and Ethics.”

University of Toronto. Toronto, Canada.

April, 2011.

“Augustine’s *Ordo Amoris*.”

Paper accepted at the Midwest regional meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers.

Hope College. Holland, Michigan.

February, 2011.

“Duns Scotus on *Eudaimonism*, Moral Motivation, and the Two Affections of the Will.”

Mountain-Pacific regional meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers.

Fort Lewis College. Durango, Colorado.

October, 2009.

“Duns Scotus on Divine Commands and Moral Obligation.”

Midwest regional meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers.

Oklahoma Baptist University. Shawnee, Oklahoma.

April, 2009.

“Duns Scotus on Divine Commands and Moral Obligation.”

Paper presented at the *De Philosophia* Graduate Conference.

University of Ottawa. Ottawa, Canada.

March, 2009.

**Honors and Awards**

Best Graduate Student Paper, Florida Philosophical Association annual conference, 2012.

“The Prospects of a Naturalist Theory of Goodness: A Neo-Aristotelian Approach.”

Publication in the *Florida Philosophical Review*.

The University of Toronto Medieval Travel Award.

An award given to the best paper in ancient or medieval philosophy submitted to the University of Toronto graduate student conference, 2011.

University of Toronto's Collaborative Program in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy

The Robert N. Oliver Award in Theology.

An award given to the student with the best work for the year in the department of theology. Given for my work in medieval philosophical theology.

Talbot School of Theology, 2009.

**LANGUAGEs**

Latin

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