

Curriculum Vitae
Raphael Mary Salzillo, OP
Last updated: July 2023

CONTACT INFORMATION

Department of Philosophy
Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology
2301 Vine St.
Berkeley CA 94708
rsalzillo@dspt.edu

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Medieval Philosophy, esp. Thomas Aquinas's metaphysics of the human person

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Contemporary metaphysics
Philosophy of science
Philosophy of mind
Ethics
Philosophy of religion
Theology

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley CA
Fall 2023 - Present

EDUCATION

PhD, Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, April 2019

Dissertation: "The Soul as a Part in Aquinas"

Director: Christopher Shields

Readers: Therese Cory, Richard Cross, Jeffrey Brower (Purdue University)

M.Div., Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (DSPT), 2009

M.A. Philosophy, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (DSPT), 2005

Thesis: *Hume and Aquinas on the Intelligibility of Theological Language* with honors
(highest possible distinction)

M.S. Electrical Engineering (subfield: Applied Physics), University of California, San Diego, 2000

B.S. Applied Physics, California Institute of Technology, 1998

PUBLICATIONS

"The Mereology of Thomas Aquinas," *Philosophy Compass* 16(3), 2021.

Under Review: "On the Concept of Subsistence in Thomas Aquinas" (*British Journal of the History of Phil.*)

Under Review: “Aquinas and the Interaction Problem” (Dialectica)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Does the use of ‘Preferred Pronouns’ Involve Lying?,” First International Workshop for Young Dominican Philosophers, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome Italy, June 2023

“Response to Bryan Reece’s ‘A Theophrastean Interpretation of Aristotle’s *De Anima* 3.5’,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Denver CO, February 2023.

“Squeezing Plato’s Heaven into God’s Mind: Aquinas on the *Rationes Aeternae*,” Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, South Bend IN, October 2021.

“Squeezing Plato’s Heaven into God’s Mind: Aquinas on the *Rationes Aeternae*,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI, May 2021.

“Aquinas and the Interaction Problem,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI, May 2019.

“On the Empirical Implications of Aristotelian Substance Ontology,” Catholic Engagement in Philosophy of Science (American Catholic Philosophical Association, annual meeting), San Diego CA, November 2018.

“Aquinas on the Subsistence and Incorruptibility of the Human Soul,” Symposium Thomisticum, Athens Greece, June 2018.

“The Human Soul as *Hoc Aliquid* in Aquinas.” Morris Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Boulder CO, April 2018.

“The Human Soul as an Efficient Cause of Bodily Change,” Dominican Colloquium in Berkeley: Person, Soul and Consciousness, Berkeley CA, July 2017.

“The Human Soul as *Hoc Aliquid* in Aquinas,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI, May 2017.

“Anscombe on the Use of Dilemmatic Thought Experiments in Ethics,” Society of Christian Philosophers, Pacific Division Meeting, University of San Diego, San Diego CA, March 2016.

“The Soul as a Part in Aquinas,” Dominican Colloquium in Berkeley: Philosophers and Theologians in Conversation, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley CA, July 2014.

PREVIOUS TEACHING AND RESEARCH POSITIONS

Assistant Professor (tenure-track), University of St. Thomas, Houston

Distinguished Fellow, Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (competitive). Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

Instructor: Introduction to Philosophy, Notre Dame, Fall 2016

Graduate Teaching Assistant,
University of Notre Dame, Five semesters between 2013 and 2017 (philosophy)
UC San Diego, Fall 1999, Fall 2000 (semiconductor device physics)

Research Assistant,

Semiconductor Device Physics Group, Prof. Edward Yu, UC San Diego, Fall 1998 – Spring 2001

Solid-state Device Physics Group, Prof. Tom McGill, Caltech Summer of 1997

Fluid dynamics lab, Prof. Paul Dimotakis, Caltech, Summer of 1996

FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER AWARDS

Distinguished Fellow, Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (competitive), Project title: “Aquinas on the Ontology of the Human Person and its Implications for Ethics.” Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

IHS coauthorship program (invited), collaborator on a research grant from George Mason University (with Janice Breidenbach, Ave Maria University). Spring & Summer, 2017

Summer Seminar (competitive): “Metaphysics and the Soul in Aquinas,” Lumen Christi Institute; Rome, Italy. Summer 2015, Instructor: Stephen Brock

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Caltech, Summer of 1996, Summer 1997

RELIGIOUS PROFESSIONS & ORDINATIONS

Ordination as a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, May 2009

Ordination as a deacon of the Roman Catholic Church, Fribourg Switzerland, November 2007

Solemn profession of religious vows as a friar of the Order of Preachers, May 2007

First profession of religious vows as a friar of the Order of Preachers, September 2002

LANGUAGES

English: Native language

French: Good conversational

Spanish: Fair conversational

Latin: Intermediate/Advanced (reading)

Ancient Greek: Intermediate (reading)