

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Born on April 28, 1989

Married since 2019

Nationality: Austria

AOS Fundamental Theology, Mediaeval Theology, Science & Religion

AOC Dogmatic Theology, Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysics

CURRENT POSITIONS

2019- **Visiting Lecturer for Fundamental Theology**
International Theological Institute, Austria

2019- **School and University Chaplain**, Catholic Church Vorarlberg, Austria

EDUCATION

2015-2019 **University of Oxford**
Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) in Theology

2014-2015 **University of Edinburgh**
Master of Science (MSc) in Science and Religion

2009-2015 **University of Innsbruck**
Bachelor of Philosophy (B.phil.) in Philosophy

2009-2014 **University of Innsbruck**
Magister Theologiae (Mag.theol.) in Catholic Theology

DISSERTATIONS

- 2019 **Divine Providence and Natural Contingency:
New Perspectives from Aquinas on the Divine Action Debate**
DPhil thesis (University of Oxford, 358 pages); pass with no corrections
Supervisors: Dr Ignacio Silva, Dr Andrew Pinsent
Committee members: Prof Alister McGrath, Prof Bruno Niederbacher SJ
- 2015 **How does Karl Rahner conceive of the Relationship between
Theology and the Sciences?**
MSc thesis (University of Edinburgh, 40 pages); with distinction
Supervisor: Dr Lydia Schumacher
- 2015 **Zum Prinzip „Impossibile est desiderium naturale esse inane“:
Eine Auseinandersetzung mit Walter Brugger**
B.phil. thesis (University of Innsbruck, 40 pages)
Supervisor: Prof Edmund Runggaldier SJ
- 2014 **Menschenrecht ohne moralische Begründung? Eine Orientierung**
B.phil. thesis (University of Innsbruck, 35 pages)
Supervisor: Prof Bruno Niederbacher SJ
- 2014 **Zur Rationalität „theistischer“ Weltanschauungen angesichts der
Erfahrung der Absurdität: Eine philosophisch-theologische
Auseinandersetzung mit Albert Camus und dem Absurden**
Mag.theol. thesis (University of Innsbruck, 175 pages)
Supervisor: Prof Roman Siebenrock

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 2018-2020 **Universidad Austral**
Research Fellow, Templeton Project “Human and Divine Providence”
PI: Dr Ignacio Silva
- 2017-2019 **King’s College London**
Research Assistant, ERC Project “Authority and Innovation in Early
Franciscan Thought (c. 1220-45)”, PI: Dr Lydia Schumacher

ECCLESIAL FUNCTIONS OR APPOINTMENTS

- 2019- **Catholic Church Vorarlberg**
School and University Chaplain

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2019- **International Theological Institute**
Visiting Lecturer for Fundamental Theology
“The One God I: Existence and Attributes of God” (2019)
“Natural Philosophy II: Motion and Order” (2020)
“The One God I: Existence and Attributes of God” (2020)
“Metaphysics II” (2020)
- 2017 **University of Oxford**
Graduate Teaching Training Scheme; mentor: Dr Darren Sarisky
Revision class for FHS paper 5 “God, Christ, and Salvation”
- 2013 **University of Innsbruck**
Student Assistant, Department of Biblical Studies and Historical
Theology; mentor: Prof Georg Fischer SJ
Assistance in teaching and marking, “Bibelwissenschaftliches und
historisch-theologisches Methodenproseminar“

UNIVERSITY AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

- 2017 **Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford**
MCR/JCR Secretary
- 2013-2014 **Klinikseelsorge Innsbruck**
Training as hospital chaplain
- 2011-2013 **Österreichische Konferenz der Theologiestudierenden**
Representative for the Diocese Feldkirch
- 2010-2012 **Ausbildungs- und Begegnungszentrum Innsbruck**
Member of the board of directors for the Diocese Feldkirch

PUBLICATIONS

EDITED VOLUMES

- 2020 **Divine and Human Providence: Philosophical, Psychological and
Theological Approaches**. Edited with Ignacio Silva
Routledge Science and Religion Series
London: Routledge, forthcoming 2020.

Spanish translation:

La Providencia Humana Y Divina: Aproximaciones desde la filosofía, la psicología y la teología. Edited with Ignacio Silva Rosario: Ediciones Logos, forthcoming 2020.

ARTICLES

2019 **A Problem for Dialogue: Can World-Views be Rational?**

New Blackfriars 100:1087 (2019): 284-298

DOI: 10.1111/nbfr.12328

2017 **Karl Rahner on Science and Theology**

Philosophy and Theology 29:2 (2017): 313-339

DOI: 10.5840/philtheol201781482

BOOK CHAPTERS

2020 **Providence in the *Summa Halensis*: Between Authority and Innovation.** In *The Summa Halensis: Philosophy and Reception*. Edited by Lydia Schumacher. Veröffentlichungen des Grabmann-Institutes zur Erforschung der mittelalterlichen Theologie und Philosophie, 67. Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming 2020.

A Guide to Citing the *Summa Halensis* (with Lydia Schumacher)
In *The Summa Halensis: Sources and Context*, ix-x. Edited by Lydia Schumacher. Veröffentlichungen des Grabmann-Institutes zur Erforschung der mittelalterlichen Theologie und Philosophie, 65. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2020.

Reprinted in *The Summa Halensis: Doctrines and Debates*, ix-x.
Edited by Lydia Schumacher. Veröffentlichungen des Grabmann-Institutes zur Erforschung der mittelalterlichen Theologie und Philosophie, 66. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2020.

Reprinted in *The Summa Halensis: Philosophy and Reception*.
Edited by Lydia Schumacher. Veröffentlichungen des Grabmann-Institutes zur Erforschung der mittelalterlichen Theologie und Philosophie, 67. Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming 2020.

Introduction (with Ignacio Silva)

In *Divine and Human Providence: Philosophical, Psychological and Theological Approaches*. Edited by Ignacio Silva and Simon Maria Kopf. London: Routledge, forthcoming 2020

PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 **The Goal-Directedness of Evolution:
Thomistic Perspectives on a Controversial Question**
Aquinas Seminar, Hilary Term 2020: “Evolution and Human Origin:
Theological and Philosophical Reflections”, January 30, 2020
The Aquinas Institute, Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford
<https://soundcloud.com/aquinasinstitute/the-goal-directedness-of-evolution-dr-simon-kopf>
- 2019 **Two Ways of Approaching Providence: Foresight and Action**
Colin Gunton Day 2019, May 8, 2019, King’s College London
- 2018 ***Communion and Stewardship (2004): On Saint Thomas Aquinas and
the Compatibility of Providence and Contingency in Evolution***
Thursday Lecture, October 4, 2018
International Theological Institute, Trumau
- God’s Involvement in Creaturely Action: Physical Premotion,
Aristotelian Premotion, or a Dimension of Creation-Conservation?**
Aquinas Seminar, Hilary Term 2018: “God and the Metaphysics of
Human Action”, February 2, 2018
The Aquinas Institute, Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FXpEh0nkL30>
- The Will of God: On the Relevance of the Changing Role of the
Divine Will in Thomas Aquinas’ Doctrine of Providence**
ERC Early Career Workshop: “Medieval Intellectual History”, May 3,
2018
All Souls College, University of Oxford
- 2016 **Can Natural Causation also be Special Divine Action?
The Role of Appetites in the Realisation of Providential Ends**
AAR Symposium: “Special Divine Action”, November 18, 2016
San Antonio, Texas
- Divine Action and Natural Teleology:
Thomas Aquinas and the Contemporary Debate**
Summer School: “The Challenge of Natural Teleology”, June 29, 2016
University of Groningen

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018 **Denyer and Johnson Fund**
Additional funding for on-course students, University of Oxford

- 2015-2018 **Higher Studies Trust Funded Studentship Linked to the Idreos Professorship of Science and Religion**
Three-year fully-funded studentship, University of Oxford
- 2016-2018 **Travel Grants**
Various substantial travel grants from the Faculty of Theology and Religion, Blackfriars Hall, and the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion, University of Oxford
- 2014-2015 **School of Divinity Scholarship**
University of Edinburgh
- 2013-2014 **Scholarship for Academic Excellence**
2012-2013 University of Innsbruck
2011-2012
2010-2011

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY _____

German: native

English: fluent

Latin: reading