

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**David B. Twetten**  
**Associate Professor of Philosophy**  
**Marquette University**

**Fields of Research:**

Ancient and Medieval Philosophy; Contemporary Semantics and Essentialism; Metaphysics and Philosophy of Religion; Aristotle and the Aristotelian Commentators; Averroes, Albert the Great, Aquinas

**Degrees:**

B.S.S., Cornell College (*magna cum laude*), 1979  
M.A., University of Toronto, 1980  
M.S.L., Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, University of Toronto (*summa cum laude*), 1987  
Ph.D., University of Toronto, 1993

**Academic Experience:**

University of Toronto, Teaching Assistant, Philosophy, Greek, Latin, 1982-1986  
Oratory Philosophy Programme, Toronto, Ontario, Instructor, 1986-1991  
Marquette University, Assistant Professor, 1991-1999  
Marquette University, Associate Professor, 1999-present

**Languages:** Greek, Latin, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Arabic, Hebrew.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book Chapters (in Print)**

- 1991 "Why Motion Requires a Cause: The Foundation for a Prime Mover in Aristotle and Aquinas." In *Philosophy and the God of Abraham: Essays in Memory of James A. Weisheipl, O.P.*, pp. 235-254. Ed. James Long. Toronto: Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, 1991.
- 1999 "Albert the Great's Early Conflations of Philosophy and Theology on the Issue of Universal Causality." In *Thomistic Papers VII, Medieval Masters: Essays in Memory of Msgr. E. A. Synan*, pp. 25-62. Ed. R. E. Houser. Houston: Center for Thomistic Studies, 1999.
- 2004 "Come distinguere in realtà tra *esse* ed *essenza* in Tommaso d'Aquino: qualche aiuto da Aristotele." In *Tommaso d'Aquino e l'oggetto della metafisica*, pp. 149-92. Ed. S. Brock. Rome: Armando Editore, 2004.

2007 “To Which ‘God’ Must a Proof of God’s Existence Conclude for Aquinas?” In *Laudemus Viros Gloriosos: Essays in Honor of Armand Maurer, CSB*, pp. 146-183. Ed. R. E. Houser. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2007.

“Averroes’ Prime Mover Argument.” In *Averroès et les Averroïsmes Juif et Latin*, pp. 9-75. Ed. J.-B. Brenet. Textes et Études du Moyen Âge, vol. 40. Turnhout, Belgium: Brepols (2007).

“Really Distinguishing Essence from *Esse*.” In *Wisdom’s Apprentice: Thomistic Essays in Honor of Lawrence Dewan, O.P.*, pp. 40-84. Ed. P. Kwasniewski. Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press (2007).

“Really Distinguishing Essence from *Esse*.” *Proceedings of the Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics* 6 (2007) 57-94.

### **Book Chapters (in Press)**

“Where Does Averroes Prove the Existence of God?” In *La pensée philosophique et scientifique d’Averroes dans son temps*. Edd. J. Puig Montada and A. Hasnaoui. Paris. 20 pp.

Co-authored with S. Baldner, S. Snyder. “Natural Philosophy of Albert: Cosmology.” In *Albert the Great: Scientist, Philosopher, Theologian*. Ed. Irven Resnick. Brill: Leiden. 50 pp.

Co-authored with J. Aertsen, A. Bertolacci, I. Moulin, “The Metaphysics of Albert.” In *Albert the Great: Scientist, Philosopher, Theologian*. Ed. Irven Resnick. Brill: Leiden. 55 pp.

“The Making of a Medieval Scholar.” In *Tolle, lege: Essays in Honor of Roland J. Teske, S.J.* Marquette University Press.

“The Publications of Roland J. Teske, S.J.” In *Tolle, lege: Essays in Honor of Roland J. Teske, S.J.* Marquette University Press.

### **Articles (in Print)**

1995 “Averroes on the Prime Mover Proved in the *Physics*.” *Viator: Medieval and Renaissance Studies* 26 (1995) 107-134.

1996 “Back to Nature in Aquinas.” *Medieval Philosophy and Theology* 5.2 (1996) 205-243.

“Clearing a ‘Way’ for Aquinas: How the Proof from Motion Concludes to God.” *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 70 (1996) 259-278.

1997 “Albert the Great on Whether Natural Philosophy Proves God’s Existence.” *Archives d’histoire doctrinale et littéraire du moyen âge* 64 (1997) 7-58.

- 2001 “Albert the Great, Double Truth, and Celestial Causality.” *Documenti e Studi sulla Tradizione filosofica medievale* 12 (2001) 275-358.
- 2003 “Natural Theology.” In *New Catholic Encyclopedia*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Detroit: Thomson/Gale; Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America, 2003.
- 2005 “Aquinas’ Aristotelian and Dionysian Definition of ‘God.’” *Thomist* 69 (2005) 203-250.

#### **Articles (in Press)**

“The Mode of Divine Causality in Averroes’ Aristotelian Cosmos: Efficient or Final?” *Documenti e Studi sulla Tradizione filosofica medievale*.

“The Metaphysical Path to God’s Existence in Albert the Great,” *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, 56 pp.

“A God for Non-Theists? Aquinas’ Pluralistic Definition of the Name ‘God’.” In *The Jennifer Ashworth Festschrift*.

#### **Articles (Under Consideration)**

“‘Therefore, God Exists’.” 17 pp.

#### **Editorial Work**

“Natural Philosophy of Albert: Cosmology.” D. Twetten, S. Baldner, S. Snyder. In *Albert the Great: Scientist, Philosopher, Theologian*. Ed. Irvén Resnick. Brill: Leiden. 50 pp.

“The Metaphysics of Albert.” D. Twetten, J. Aertsen, A. Bertolacci, I. Moulin. In *Albert the Great: Scientist, Philosopher, Theologian*. Ed. Irvén Resnick. Brill: Leiden. 55 pp.

Editor, Marquette Medieval Philosophical Texts in Translation Series, 2007-

Founding Editor, Philosophy Department Newsletter, 2006-.

Co-editor of a Festschrift for Roland Teske.

Editor of the annual published volume, the Aquinas Lecture. Marquette University Press: 2001–2002, 2005-.

Co-editor of the annual published volume, the Aquinas Lecture. Marquette University Press: 1996–2001, 2003-2005.

## PARTICIPATION IN SCHOLARLY MEETINGS

### **Papers Presented**

- 1986 “Aquinas and the ‘God’ of Aristotle’s *Physics*.” International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- 1989 “Everything Moved is Moved By Another: The Last Word.” International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- 1991 “On the ‘God’ of Aristotle: The Beginning or the End?” Department of Philosophy, University of Dallas.
- “Motion Reconsidered: Can it Lead to God?” Department of Philosophy, Marquette University.
- 1993 “Aristotle’s *Metaphysics*: A Case of Incoherence?” Institute on Aquinas. Notre Dame University.
- “The Concept of Nature in Thomas Aquinas.” International Conference on Patristic, Mediaeval and Renaissance Studies. Villanova University.
- 1994 “Albert the Great and the Prime Mover of the *Physics*.” International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- 1995 “Clearing a ‘Way’ for Aquinas: How the Proof from Motion Concludes to God.” Department of Philosophy, Notre Dame University.
- “The Dilemma of the Contra Gentiles’s ‘Aristotelian’ Proof of God.” International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- “The Causality of the Prime Mover in *Metaphysics* Lambda.” Ancient and Medieval Discussion Group. Philosophy Department, Marquette University.
- 1996 “Clearing a ‘Way’ for Aquinas: How the Proof from Motion Concludes to God.” American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles.
- 1997 “Albert’s Aristotelian Deity.” Ancient and Medieval Discussion Group. Philosophy Department, Marquette University.
- 1998 “Albert’s Reversals on Universal Causality and Some Parisian Masters.” International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- “Averroes’ Non-Metaphysical Proof of God’s Existence.” International Colloquium on the Philosophical and Scientific Thought of Averroes in his Time. Cordoba, Spain.
- “Albert’s Un-Thomistic Correlation of Faith and Reason.” Medieval Discussion Group. Philosophy Department, Marquette University.

- 1999 “Averroes’s Non-Metaphysical Proof of God’s Existence.” Annual Convention of the Medieval Academy of America. Georgetown University. Washington, D.C.
- “Where Does Averroes Prove the Existence of God?” International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- 2000 “Averroes and Scotus on Self-Motion.” International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- “Can God’s Existence Be Proved?” University of Wisconsin, Whitewater.
- “To What Attributes Must a Proof of God’s Existence Conclude for Aquinas?” Congress 2000: Aquinas as Authority. Thomas Instituut. Utrecht, Netherlands.
- “On Really Distinguishing Being from Essence.” Institute on Aquinas. Notre Dame University.
- 2002 “To Which ‘God’ Must a Proof of God’s Existence Conclude for Aquinas?” Colloquium on Medieval Philosophy. Cornell University. Ithaca, New York.
- “A God for Non-Theists? A Defense of Aquinas’ Non-Theistic Definition of the Name ‘God’.” Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics. American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting. Cincinnati, Ohio.
- “On Which ‘God’ Should Be the Target of a Proof of God’s Existence.” Gregorian University, Rome.
- 2003 “On Which ‘God’ Should Be the Target of a ‘Proof of God’s Existence: In Defense of a Non-Theistic God.’” 21st World Congress in Philosophy. Section: Philosophy of Religion. Istanbul.
- “On Really Distinguishing Essence from *Esse* in Aquinas: Some Help from Aristotle.” School of Philosophy, University of the Holy Cross.
- “Proposed: A Non-Question-Begging Argument for the Real Distinction Between Essence and *Esse*.” Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics. American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting. Houston.
- 2005 “The Averroean Schema for the Prime Mover Argument and Its Medieval Latin Varieties.” Averroès et les Averroïsmes Juif et Latin. Université Paris X.
- “Proposed: A Non-Question-Begging Argument for the Real Distinction Between Essence and *Esse*.” School of Philosophy. The Catholic University of America.
- “Toward a Ground for Ethics: The Proof of the Existence of a Non-Theistic God.” Praxis y Verdad. Universidad Panamericana. Mexico.

2006 “Aristotelian Theology in Averroes and the Judaeo-Christian Averroean Tradition.” Averroès, l’averroïsme, l’antiaverroïsme. XIVe Colloque International Annuel de la SIEPM. Geneva, Switzerland.

“Is God a Final Cause Only? The Renaissance Critique of the Averroean Position.” Sciences et philosophie: Circulation des savoirs autour de la Méditerranée (IXe-XVIe siècle). 7ème Colloque International de la Société Internationale d’Histoire des Sciences et des Philosophies Islamiques. Florence, Italy.

“The Essence of Aquinas.” Institute on Aquinas. Notre Dame University.

“Where Does Aristotle Conclude to a Separate Mover (Which Turns out to Be an Exclusively Final Cause)?” Aquinas and the Arabs Text Seminar Series. Marquette University.

“Aristotle’s *De motu* (and Averroes) as the Key to the Reconciliation of Aristotle’s Texts on the Prime Mover.” Conference on Issues on Motion and Mind. Marquette University.

“Aristotelian Theology in Averroes and the Judaeo-Christian Averroean Tradition.” Averroès, l’averroïsme, l’antiaverroïsme. Société Internationale pour l’Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale (S.I.E.P.M.) XIVth Symposium Annuel. University of Geneva, Switzerland.

2007 “Epistemology as the Key to Causality in Averroes.” The Muslim, Christian, and Jewish Heritage: Philosophical and Theological Explorations in the Abrahamic Traditions. Marquette University.

“The Proof of God's Existence in Averroes' Cosmology.” Aquinas and the Arabs Seminar, Marquette University.

“Aquinas’ Definition of ‘God’ as a Foundation for a Pluralistic Natural Theology.” XII Congrès International de Philosophie Médiévale. Société Internationale pour l’Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale, Palermo, Sicily.

#### **Other Participation, Sessions Chaired, etc.**

1993 Chair of session on Aquinas, International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

1996 Chair of session on Aquinas, International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Participant in Institute on Aquinas, Notre Dame University.

1997 Chair of session on Aquinas, International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

- 1998 Co-organizer of three sessions on Aquinas, International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- 1999 Chair of a Session on Nature, Annual Convention of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 2001 Participant, Executive Committee, Annual Convention of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, Albany, New York.
- 2003 Participant, Conference on Intentionality, Marquette University.
- 2004 Participant, Annual Convention of the American Philosophical Association, Boston.
- Chair of a Session for the Society of Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, Annual Convention of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, Miami, Florida.
- Participant, Annual Conference of the Centre Pierre Abélard, University of Paris IV.
- 2005 Participant and Session Chair, Institute on Aquinas, University of Notre Dame.
- 2006 Participant, Conference on Aristotle's *Analytics*, Marquette University.

## **TEACHING**

### **Graduate Courses Taught**

Phil 217: St. Thomas Aquinas

Phil 222: Text/Seminar on Early or High Medieval Philosophy, Existential Metaphysics in the High Middle Ages

Phil 301: Seminar, Philosophical Theology in the Middle Ages

#### **At the University of Toronto**

Introductory Greek (Centre for Medieval Studies)

Socrates (upper level Greek) (Centre for Medieval Studies)

M.A. Latin Tutorial (Centre for Medieval Studies)

### **Undergraduate Courses Taught**

Phil 050: Philosophy of Human Nature

Phil 050H: Philosophy of Human Nature: Honors

Phil 102: Metaphysics

Phil 104: Theory of Ethics

Phil 112: Ancient Philosophy

Phil 113: Early Medieval Philosophy

Phil 114: Modern Philosophy

Phil 119: Late Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

Phil 185: Contemporary Analytic Philosophy

Phil 195: Independent Study Course: Medieval Philosophy from Augustine to Aquinas

ARSC 130: Misogyny: Medieval View of Women? (team-taught)

### **At the University of Toronto**

Ancient Philosophy Tutorial (Department of Philosophy)

### **At Oratory Philosophy Programme**

Metaphysics

Philosophy of God

Introduction to Ethics

Ancient and Medieval Philosophy

## **COMMITTEES AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### **University**

Freshman Advisor, 1993-1997.

Faculty Friend of Schroeder Hall, 1993-94.

Participant in Undergraduate Advising Seminars, 1993-1995.

Honor Societies Committee, 1993-1995.

Referee for Center for International Studies Graduate Language Fellowship, 1994.

Phi Sigma Tau Representative at the Honor Societies Colloquium, 1994.

Phi Sigma Tau Representative at Scholarship Convocation, 1994.

Faculty Representative for Information Day, 1994.

Organizer for Honor Society's trip to Monet Exhibit, Art Institute of Chicago, October, 1995.

Participant in "Building Bridges to Learning," 1995.

Faculty Advisory Committee of the Haggerty Museum of Art, 1995-1996.

Participant in Arts and Sciences Scholarship Competition/Open House, 1996.

Participant in Students Invite Teachers, Associated Students of Marquette University, 1996.

Phi Beta Kappa Members in Course Committee, 1995-2000.

Nominator and Escort for Alasdair MacIntyre, Honorary Doctor of Letters Recipient, 2000.

Schmidt Fellowship Committee, School of Graduate Studies, 2003.

Review Committee for MU proposals for NEH Summer Stipends, ORSP, 2004.

Smith Fellowship Committee, School of Graduate Studies, 2002, 2003, 2006.

### **Department**

Greek Language Committee, 1991-1992, 1998-1999, 2003.

Faculty Advisor, Phi Sigma Tau, 1993-1995, 2000-2003.

Latin Committee, 1992-1999.

Latin Reading Group, 1993-2004.

Co-organizer of Philosophy Department Christmas Party, 1993.

Annual evaluator of graduate student instructors, 1993-present.

Colloquium Series Coordinator, 1994-1996.

Co-editor of Aquinas Lecture Series, 1996-2001, 2003-2005.

Greek Reading Group, 1995-1996, 1998-1999, 2003-present.

Co-ordinator of the Ancient and Medieval Discussion Group, 1997-1998.

Undergraduate Committee, 1997-1999.

Chair, Classical Languages Committee, 1998-1999, 2001-2002.

Chair, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Reading List Committee: Ancient and Medieval, 1999.  
 Research Committee, 1999-2000.  
 Chair, Research Committee, 2001-2005.  
 Hiring Committee, 2001, 2005.  
 First Year Graduate Advisor, 2001-2004.  
 Advisor, Philosophy Club, 2001-2002.  
 Evaluator for the teaching of three junior faculty members.  
 Host to numerous Midwest Seminar Speakers.  
 Host to five job candidates.  
 Editor of the Aquinas Lecture, 2002-2003, 2005-present.  
 Co-organizer, Faith-Reason Seminar, 2003-2007.  
 Ad hoc Committee for undergraduate grade challenge, 2003.  
 Philosophy Department Delegate to Committee on Faculty Nominating Convention, 2004.  
 Participant in Diversity Seminar, Arts and Sciences, 2004.  
 Mentor for the teaching of four graduate students.  
 Mentor for one junior faculty member.  
 Co-organizer, Third Annual Midwest Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Marquette University, 2005.  
 Co-organizer, Midwest Seminars on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, 2003-2008.  
 Co-organizer, Aquinas and the Arabs Seminars and Conference, 2004-present.  
 Participant in Arabic Reading Group, Department of Philosophy, 2004-present.  
 Graduate Committee, 2002-2007.  
 Classical Languages Philosophy Departmental Liaison, Greek and Latin, 2006-present.  
 Professional Development and Research Committee, 2005-2008.  
 Founding Editor, Philosophy Department Newsletter, 2006-present.  
 Editor, Marquette Medieval Philosophical Texts in Translation Series, 2007-  
 Host, Third Annual Summer Seminar on Aristotle and Aristotelianism: "Nature and Life in Aristotle and Aristotelian Thought," Marquette University, 2008.  
 Host, "Philosophy in the Abrahamic Traditions: A Conference on Issues in Medieval Arabic / Islamic & Jewish Philosophy and their Influence on Medieval Philosophy and Theology in the European West," Marquette University, 2008.  
 Chair, Ph.D. Comps, Ancient and Medieval, 2005-2007, 2008-present.

### **Community**

"Aquinas on the Notion of Prudence," talk to legal group, Milwaukee, October, 1993.  
 "Aquinas on the Nature of Human Action," talk to legal group, Milwaukee, March, 1994.  
 "Aquinas and the Grounds of Ethics," talk to business group, Elm Grove, June, 1994.  
 "Philosophy of Marriage," talk to student group, Milwaukee, May, 1996.  
 "An Ethic of Sincerity," talk to business group, Milwaukee, April, 1997.  
 "Skills Needed for College," talk to high school group, Milwaukee, June, 1997.  
 "The Life of Thomas Aquinas," talk to Milwaukee school, January, 1998.

“Aquinas on Natural Law,” St Thomas More Legal Society, 2002.  
“Happiness and the Ultimate End.” Talk to Bellarmine Society. 2005.  
“Choosing Your College Curriculum.” Talk to high school group. 2005.  
“Philosophy at Work,” talk to professional group, April, 2006.  
“Fit between Thought and Action,” talk to student group, Elm Grove, 2007.  
Education Committee, Catholic Memorial High School, 2003-present.

### **Professional**

Member of Program Committee for Society of Christian Philosophers, 1996.  
Reviewer for Broadview Press, 1996.  
President, Thomas Aquinas Society, 1997-1998.  
Book Evaluator for Broadview Press, 1997.  
Article Evaluator for the *Journal of the History of Philosophy, Philosophy and Theology*, 1998.  
Article Evaluator for *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, 1999.  
Article Evaluator for *Medieval Philosophy and Theology, The Thomist*, 2000.  
Book Evaluator for Catholic University Press, and Medieval and Renaissance Texts and Studies, Arizona State University Press, 2001.  
Book Evaluator for Longmans Press and Wadsworth Press, 2003.  
Collaborator on *Corpus thomisticum*, web-based data base on Aquinas, 2001-present.  
Reviewer for National Endowment for the Humanities: Grant Proposal for Scholarly Editions Program, 2003.  
Reviewer of grant proposal for Canada Foundation: Albertus Magnus database, 2004.  
Book Evaluator for Notre Dame Press and Catholic University Press, 2004.  
Executive Council, American Catholic Philosophical Association, 2001-2004.  
Executive Committee of the Executive Council, American Catholic Philosophical Association, 2003-2004.  
Book Evaluator for Catholic University Press and University of America Press, 2005.  
Article Evaluator for *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 2006.  
External Reviewer for university tenure case, 2006.  
External Reviewer for university promotion case, 2007.  
External Reviewer for university promotion and tenure case, 2008.  
Book Evaluator for Notre Dame Press, 2008.

### **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

American Philosophical Association  
American Catholic Philosophical Association  
Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy  
The History of Early Analytic Philosophy Society  
Société Internationale pour l'Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale  
Internationale Gesellschaft für Theologische Mediävistik  
Société International d'Histoire des Sciences et de la Philosophie Arabes et Islamiques

International Committee for the History of Medieval and Renaissance Natural  
Philosophy  
International Thomas Aquinas Society

**HONORS, AWARDS**

Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, 1979

Elected to Mortar Board, 1979

Horace Latin Prize, Cornell College, 1979

University of Toronto Open Fellowship, 1979-1981, 1984-1985

Junior Fellowship, Massey College, 1980-1982

Frederick Hudd Fellowship, Massey College, 1980-1982

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 1981-1984, 1985-1986

Advancement Award, School of Graduate Studies, Marquette University, 1997,  
1998

Distinguished Scholar Recognition, Marquette University, 1997, 1998, 2002-2007

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