

Matthew Briel
Department of Theology
Assumption College
mc.briel@assumption.edu
508-767-7127

**ACADEMIC
APPOINTMENTS**

Assistant Professor 2016-
Assumption College (Worcester, MA)
Department of Theology

Visiting Assistant Professor 2015-2016
University of Scranton
Department of Theology and Religious Studies

EDUCATION

Fordham University
Ph.D. Theology 2016
“A Greek Thomist: Providence in Gennadios Scholarios”

University of Minnesota
M.A. Classics 2010

University of Notre Dame
M.T.S. History of Christianity 2007

University of Notre Dame
B.A. Philosophy 2003, *magna cum laude*

**STUDY/RESEARCH
ABROAD**

Vatican Library, Rome.
Three weeks of research in fourteenth and fifteenth century Greek
manuscripts. April 2014.

University of Vienna
Institut für Byzantinistik und Neogräzistik, 2013-2014.

Gennadius Library of the American School of Classical Studies.
Athens. July 2011.

Pontificia Università San Tommaso D'Aquino (Angelicum)
Coursework in Philosophy and Theology, 2001-2002.

IN PROGRESS

Synergy: A History of the Greek Orthodox Theology of Providence and Its Thomistic Turn. (100,000 words)

Gennadios Scholarios' Five Tracts on Providence.
Sole translator and editor. (110,000 words).

CO-AUTHORED BOOK

Titles, Offices and Ranks in the Byzantine Empire and the Orthodox Church. Co-authored with Milton Efthimiou, with a foreword by Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople. (80,000 words). Forthcoming, Holy Cross Orthodox Press.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Gregory the Theologian, Logos and Literature.” *Studia Patristica.* 67 (2013): 207-214.

“John Henry Newman and Luigi Giussani: Similarities in Their Conceptions of Reason.” *The Newman Studies Journal.* 6.1 (2009): 57-67.

INVITED CHAPTERS

“Freedom, Necessity and the Laws of Nature in the Thought of Gennadios Scholarios,” in, Alexis Torrance, ed., *Understanding Persons*, Ashgate. Forthcoming.

TRANSLATION

“Pope Gelasius to Augustus Anastasius,” and “Pope Gelasius: Tract VI” in George E. Demacopoulos’ *The Invention of Peter: Apostolic Discourse and Papal Authority in Late Antiquity.* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013), 173-189.

BOOK REVIEWS

Theologia varia inedita saeculi xiv (CCSG 76). Edited by Ioannis Polemis. *Religious Studies Review.* 41.4 (2015): 204.

Marcus Plested, *Orthodox Readings of Aquinas. Theological Studies.* 74.3 (2013): 717-719.

Roberta Ioli, *Gorgia di Leontini: Su ciò che non è. Testo greco, traduzione e commento. The Classical Review.* 61.1 (2011): 44-46.
Co-authored with Edward Schiappa.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“An Unexamined Greek Report of the Life of Joan of Arc.”
Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI. May 2016.

“Gennadios Scholarios’ Thomistic-Greek Theology of Predetermination and Its Implications for the Moral Life.” Thomism and Predestination: A Theological Symposium. Naples, FL. January 2016.

“The Resurgence of Tyche in the Last Century of Byzantium.” BSC. New York. October 2015.

“Gennadios Scholarios’ Thomistic Defense of Aristotle.” Never the Twain Shall Meet. Latins and Greeks Learning from Each Other in Byzantium. Stockholm. June 2015.

“Freedom, Necessity and the Laws of Nature in the Thought of Gennadios Scholarios.” Understanding Persons: Ancient, Medieval and Modern Perspectives from the Christian East. Aristotle University, Thessaloniki. May 2014.

“The Reception of Thomas Aquinas’ Theology of Providence in Greek Orthodox Theology 1458-1977.” Confronting the Christian ‘Other’: East-West Relations in the Middle Ages, Forschungskolloquium. Vienna. March 2014.

“A Greek Thomist: Gennadios II Scholarios on Providence.” BSC. Brookline, MA. November 2012.

“Gregory the Theologian, Logos and Literature.” Sixteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies. Oxford. August 2011.

“Gregory Nazianzen and the Emperor Julian on the Greek Classics.” Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies. Pappas Patristic Institute. Holy Cross Seminary. Brookline, MA. March 2011.

“Doctrine as a Principle of Newman’s Theological Reading of the Fathers.” National Newman Conference. Pittsburgh. August 2010.

“*Ratio per Historiam*: The Influence of Cicero’s *de Re Publica* on the Historical Method Used by Augustine in His *de Civitate Dei*.” NAPS. Chicago. May 2009.

“Thucydides’ Rationalizing Idea of *Miasma* in Book II of His *History*.” AAR Upper Midwest Regional Meeting. Minneapolis. March 2009.

“Theological Themes in T. S. Eliot’s ‘Four Quartets.’” Co-presented with Kevin Hart. M.T.S. colloquium. University of Notre Dame. January 2005.

“Catholic Vision: Luigi Giussani’s Understanding of Non-Christians’ Perceptions of the Truth.” Center for Ethics and Culture, “Joy in the Truth” Conference. University of Notre Dame. September 2005.

**OTHER
CONFERENCE
WORK**

Respondent, Alexis Torrance, “Perpetual Progress or eternal rest? Theorizing the Eschaton in Early Byzantine Theology.” Boston Colloquy in Historical Theology. August 2016.

MAJOR AWARDS

Fordham Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Alumni Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2015-2016.

Fulbright-Mach Fellowship, Austria. Institut für Byzantinistik und Neogräzistik, Vienna. 2013-2014.

Fordham Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Research Fellowship for dissertation writing. 2013-2014.

Dumbarton Oaks Summer Fellowship (Harvard University). Summer 2012.

Fordham Bennett Award: Presidential distinguished fellowship. 2010-2015.

**OTHER SELECTED
AWARDS**

Alpha Sigma Nu, Fordham University (Jesuit Honor Society). 2015.

Selected to participate (with full funding) in the Lumen Christi seminar, “The Thought of John Henry Newman.” Merton College, Oxford. July 2015.

Orthodox Christian Studies Center. Fordham University. Summer Research Fellowship. 2014.

Fordham Research Support Grant for manuscript work at Vatican Library. April 2014.

Fordham Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. McCloskey Summer Fellowship. 2013.

University of Notre Dame Medieval Institute. Research Fellowship. Summer 2013.

Phi Kappa Phi, Fordham University (Academic Honor Society, top 10% of graduate school). 2013.

Fordham Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Research Fellowship. Summer 2012.

Newman Scholarship Program at the National Institute for Newman Studies, Pittsburgh, PA. Paper: "Principles of Newman's Theological Enquiry." Summer 2010.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) Award to study advanced German. U.S. Department of Education. Declined in favor of Greek grant (below). Summer 2009.

University of Minnesota Summer Grant: Mary J. Dovolis Fellowship. Awarded to complete Greek reading list for M.A. Awarded by Classical and Near Eastern Studies Graduate Admissions and Fellowship Committee. 2009.

University of Minnesota Summer Grant: Roach Fellowship. Awarded to complete Latin reading list for M.A. Awarded by Classical and Near Eastern Studies Graduate Admissions and Fellowship Committee. 2008.

Newman Scholarship Program at the National Institute for Newman Studies, Pittsburgh, PA. Paper: "John Henry Newman and Luigi Giussani: Similarities in their Conceptions of Reason." Summer 2007.

TEACHING

Assumption College. 2016-
Introduction to Theology (2016-2017)
Catholicism Today (2016-2017)

University of Scranton. 2015-2016
Introduction to the Bible (2015-2016)
Introduction to Christian Theology (2015-2016)
Faith and Fiction (Spring 2016)
Thomistic Medical Ethics (Spring 2016) tutorial
Advanced Greek: Sophocles (Spring 2016) tutorial

Fordham University. 2010-2015.
Faith & Critical Reason (2012-2013, 2014-2015 online)
Faith & Critical Reason (Spring 2012) Teaching Assistant.
Byzantine Christianity (Fall 2010) Teaching Assistant.

University of Minnesota. 2007-2010.

Beginning Latin (2008-2010)
World of Rome (Spring 2008) Teaching Assistant.
Jesus in History (Fall 2007) Teaching Assistant.

St. Paul Seminary and School of Divinity. 2009-2010.
Intermediate Latin I & II (2009-2010)

Holy Family Catholic High School. Victoria, MN: 2006-2007.
Italian II, III.
Latin II, III, IV.
Ecclesiology.

Various CCD, Confirmation classes, retreats in South Bend, IN.
1999-2006.

Lenten theological reading director. Newman Center, University of
Minnesota. 2009-2010.

OTHER POSITION

Research Fellow, Jacques Maritain Center, University of Notre
Dame, 2014-2015.

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

Training in *Eloquentia Perfecta*. Fordham. Summer 2012.

Teaching Theology Seminar. Fordham. Fall 2010.

Undergraduate language teaching training. CNES, University of
Minnesota. 2008-2010.

Pedagogical training in CNES. University of Minnesota.
Fall 2007.

Teaching the Faith (secondary religion pedagogical instruction).
Notre Dame. Spring 2006.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

University of Scranton Library Advisory Committee. 2015-2016.

Fordham TGSA Professional Development Coordinator.
2012-2013.

Graduate Representative to the Speakers' Committee, CNES.
University of Minnesota. 2009-2010.

Graduate Representative to the Curriculum Committee, CNES.
University of Minnesota. 2008-2009.

LANGUAGES

Greek (Ancient-Byzantine), excellent reading, writing, teaching
Latin (all periods), excellent reading, writing, teaching
Italian (all periods), advanced reading, writing and conversation
German, excellent reading, advanced writing and conversation
French, advanced reading knowledge
Modern Greek, reading knowledge with dictionary
Spanish, reading knowledge with dictionary
Russian, elementary reading knowledge

Advanced training in Byzantine paleography and diplomatics

Gennadius Library of the American School of Classical Studies.
Athens. Summer 2011.

Institut für Byzantinistik und Neogräzistik. Wien. Fall 2013.

Advanced training in Latin paleography and textual editing
Fordham University. Spring 2011.